Volume XXXXVI Number 11
A Hamilton College Student Publication, Clinton, NY November 18, 2005

The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

RECEIVED NOV 21 2005

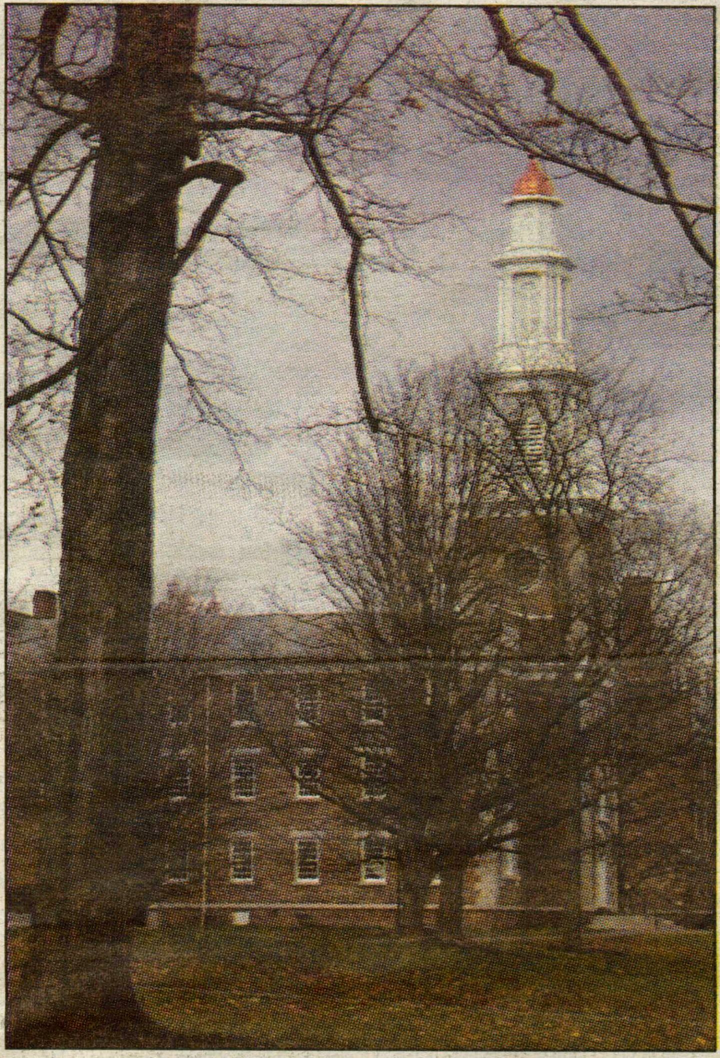


PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Thanksgiving Recess begins on Tuesday, November 22, at 4:00 p.m. Classes will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28.

Head coach, coordinator sacked after disappointing football season

by Katie Stinchfield '07
SPORTS EDITOR

After five years and an overall record of 5-35, Hamilton College has severed ties with Head Coach Pete Alvanos and Defensive Coordinator John Keady. While Alvanos and Keady are no longer involved with the football program, the College will continue to honor their contracts.

Both Athletic Director Dave Thompson and Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Paris cited the need for a more competitive football program as the reason for the change in coaching staff.

"We've changed the leadership of the football program," said Paris. "It was not strictly a matter of wins-losses. We need to have a competitive program."

Thompson emphasized that "the change was made with the intention of making the program better. It is not a reflection on the players." In addition, "everyone recognizes Coach Alvanos is a terrific guy," said Thompson. "As a collegue you are sad when someone leaves."

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN HUBBARD

The football team was notified on Tuesday that Head Coach Pete Alvanos and Defensive Coordinator John Keady will not be returning next season.

Thompson met with the team Tuesday evening to inform them of the news. Thompson added that the Athletic Department offered to let the coaches speak with the players, but both Alvanos and Keady felt it was not the right time.

The meeting was primarily to inform players of the decision and to ensure them it had nothing to do with them personally, said Thompson. The team met again on Thursday night, when alumnus Will Anthony offered them words of encouragement.

*see **Football**, page 23*

PHOTO BY PAUL IRIBE '09

Houston Baker's lecture was held in the Chapel on Monday afternoon.

Baker discusses neo-conservatism

by Laura Trublano '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Houston Baker, the Susan Fox Beischer and George D. Beischer Arts and Sciences Professor of English and Professor of African and African American Studies at Duke University, gave a presentation drawn from his book, "The Betrayal of the Black Intellectuals," on November 14. Baker's talk, titled "Of Neo-Conservatism and Black Intellectuals," consisted of several ideas from his book about black neo-conservatives and specifically a rebuttal of Professor Stephen Carter's campaign against affirmative action.

Neo-conservatives are "concerned more with the big picture politics than race," said Baker, "a backdrop for neo-conservatives is the politics of rights." Baker said the neo-conservatives abandoned the race issues with the advent of affirmative action programs, which began with President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. "The rhetoric and beliefs [involved] in the about-face of neo-conservatism have been influenced by black neo-conservatives," said Baker. These black neo-conservatives are generally wealthy and in an elite, not representative of the majority of the black population, said Baker.

In his book, "Reflections of an Affirmative Action Baby," Carter, of Yale University, rejected affirmative action programs as productive and advantageous to black students. Carter claims that students who do well and

*see **Walker**, page 2*

Hamilton website will be updated by January

by Martin Connor '09
NEWS WRITER

A newly redesigned Hamilton College website will be introduced in late January 2006. This will be in accordance with Hamilton's policy of updating the website's cosmetic properties every two years in order to maintain a professional and modern appearance.

"Every two years we look at the cosmetics of the site and say: how does this stack up with the rest of the web? How are ways of doing things on the web changing, do we still look professional?" said Ned Stankus, Director of Electronic Media for Communications and Development.

The upcoming redesign will be focused on the cosmetic appeal of the website rather than the information architecture and accessibility, and will be done by a private graphic design firm. "We have the expertise on campus to do everything but the graphic design, we don't have a web designer, so we've hired a professional design firm to help us," said Stankus regarding the upcoming update.

Some students expressed surprise that the redesign would be focused on appearance rather than usefulness, expressing their beliefs that information accessibility updates far outranked appearance updates in priority.

The aesthetic appeal of the website is doubtless a concern for the college and in particular the Office of Admissions. Admissions expressed their feelings that the Internet is an increasingly larger part of students' college searches and that a cosmetically sound website is certainly an important part of maintaining a good image of Hamilton to prospective students.

"I know when I was looking at school my main source of information was the internet and I'm not going to go so far as to say that the website was my final basis, but it did effectively relay information about courses and sports teams, and it was very helpful in that regard," said Bill

*see **Website**, page 2*

INSIDE ISSUE XI

Insights & Ideas 6
Features 10
Arts & Entertainment 16
Science & Technology 18
Sports 22

President Bush honors Hamilton alumnus

Leigh Keno '79 is among eleven Americans recognized for furthering study of humanities

by Jenny Brown '07
NEWS WRITER

President George W. Bush awarded a National Humanities Medal to Leigh Keno '79, at a ceremony at the White House, November 10. The award began in 1989 as the Charles Frankel Prize. It honors individuals and organizations that deepen the nation's understanding of the humanities, broaden citizens' engagement with the humanities, or help preserve and expand America's access to important humanities resources. Eleven other Americans and one American scholarly research project received the award, including Keno's twin brother Leslie.

At Hamilton, Keno received a B.A. in Art History. From there, he went to New York City to direct the William Doyle Galleries's American Furniture Department. In 1984, Keno became the vice president of the appraisal company, and then a senior specialist of the American Furniture Department of Christies. There, he appraised items across the country and negotiated the consignment of important examples of American furniture. In 1996 and 1998 he co-authored two groundbreaking articles on Boston's Georgian chairs for the journal *American Furniture*.

Keno continues to write for magazines and books. In 2000, with Leslie, he co-authored the book "Hidden Treasures: Searching for Masterpieces of American Furniture." From 2001 to 2005 he wrote monthly furniture and design columns for *House Beautiful*, and *This Old House* with Leslie. Leslie is the senior vice president, senior specialist, and director of American Furniture and Decorative Arts at Sotheby's in NY.

Today, Keno is the President of Leigh Keno American Antiques, a Manhattan gallery dealing in fine 18th to early 19th century American furniture and decorative arts.

In the past 18 years, Keno has helped build some of the top institutional and private collections of American furniture and decorative art. Keno is also a Fellow at Historic Deerfield and a visiting scholar at Winterthur Museum in Delaware.

After appearing regularly for the past ten years on the PBS show the "Antiques Roads Show," Keno and his brother co-hosted their own show in October 2003. "Find!" was the highest-rated weekly series to premiere on PBS. The show is unscripted; the brothers travel to people's homes and deliver appraisals on items from furniture to dolls.

"Our show is very accessible, and chock full of useful information," stated Keno in a Hamilton press release. "What makes this show so distinctive is our focus on the many definitions of the word find, whether it's a real 'find' in terms of hidden treasure or just 'finding' one's own personal style," he added.

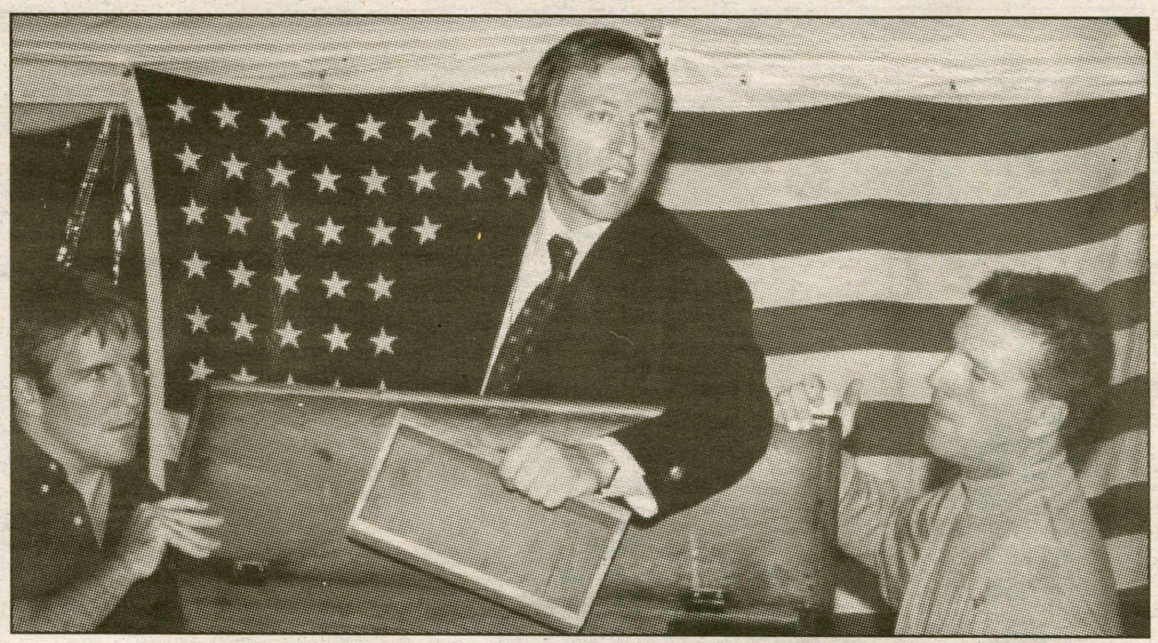


PHOTO COURTESY OF NEWPORTHISTORICAL.ORG

Leigh Keno majored in Art History while at Hamilton. He now co-hosts "Find!" on PBS with his twin brother, Leslie; the Kenos travel around the country and appraise various household items.

In the most recent episode, the brothers visit the caretaker of a landmark Californian house and explore her pieces of art, according to the *Find!* website, www.find-tv.com. The show ended with an auctioning of a "find."

Keno grew up in the Mohawk Valley. He completed two years at Herkimer Community College before attending Hamilton, which he paid for by selling the stoneware him and his brother collected in their teens. Keno is responsible for installing the monuments that line the path to the cemetery between Bristol Center and Minor Theater. As an undergrad, he also devised a plan for safely storing old paintings in the basement of Burke Library.

Keno said he benefited from Hamilton's core focus on writing and speaking, according to the Hamilton press release. Keno is still an avid collector, with a current passion for 18th century salt-glazed stoneware and 18th century wrought iron latches. He also lectures extensively across the country.

The Kenos said they have been interested in antiques since they were children. In the front page of their joint diary, they declare at "twelve years old... at this time... we are antique dealers."

Other people who were awarded the 2005 National Humanities Medal include Walter Berns, a political scientist, and Lewis Lehrman, a co-founder of the Gilder Lehrman Institutes of American History, which promotes the teaching of history in high schools and colleges.

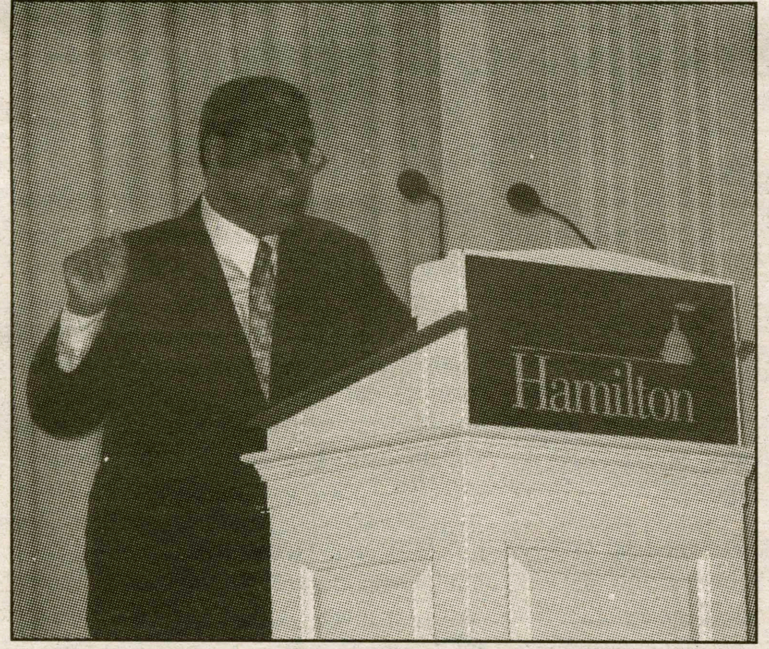


PHOTO BY PAUL IRIBE '09

Baker's lecture on Monday afternoon was titled "Of Neo-Conservatism and Black Intellectuals."

Baker is supportive of affirmative action

from Website, page 1

will question whether their success is due to their intelligence and work ethic or their race. "How can people feel American if they can not recite the Pledge of Allegiance?" said Baker, in an argument for affirmative action.

"It is easy for America to ignore merits found under a dark skin," said Baker in his closing statement. Affirmative action offers opportunities to deserving people who may not have the chance to go to college or have a certain job otherwise. Baker expressed his view that books like Carter's present illogical arguments presented as fact, that the wealthy few are standing up for all African Americans.

Cosmetic changes planned for Hamilton website in 2006

from Website, page 1

Kearny '08.

Stankus explained that although the cosmetic elements of the website are specifically redesigned and updated every two years, the information architecture and accessibility efficiency is updated continuously. Stankus explained that the two areas are done separately because combined "cosmetic work plus information architecture, search engine, and all other work would typically become a 6 to 8 month project."

Stankus furthermore explained, "Once we've done this cosmetic step we're going to tack some navigation and information architecture things."

The graphic design firm is expected to finish their work by January 1, 2006, at which point between two and four weeks will be required to launch the redesigned site. Communications and Development expect a trial version to be launched by January 15, which will allow students to use the newly formatted site and provide feedback.

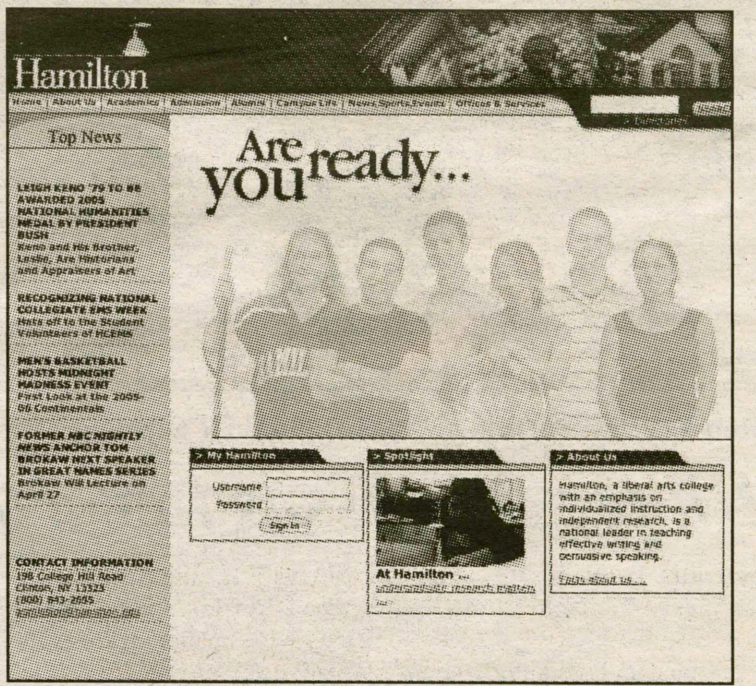


PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

A graphic design firm will finish work on the Hamilton website by January 1, 2006. Students will be able to view the new website by January 15 and give feedback on the updated design. These changes are purely cosmetic. Changes to the information architecture, search engine, and navigation of the webpage would take upwards of six months to complete; these changes will therefore be completed after the cosmetic changes have been finalized.

Taylor lectures on Oneida land claim cases, judicial activism

by Susan Stanton '09
NEWS WRITER

Students, faculty and residents from the surrounding area gathered in the Events Barn on Tuesday night for the final installment of the Levitt Center Lecture Series entitled "Responsibilities of a Superpower." The lecture, "Legal Issues in the Native-American Land Claim Cases," was given by William W. Taylor, III. Taylor is the attorney for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York. He has been practicing law for more than 25 years and is a member of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules and Evidence and an American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow.

Taylor prefaced his lecture by emphasizing that he was not at Hamilton as the Oneida Nation's attorney or representative. Instead, he wanted the audience to keep in mind that he was there to talk about legal philosophy.

Taylor began by discussing what it means to be a judicial activist. He defined it as not following precedent and most frequently disregarding legislation. These were characteristics he felt were usually associated

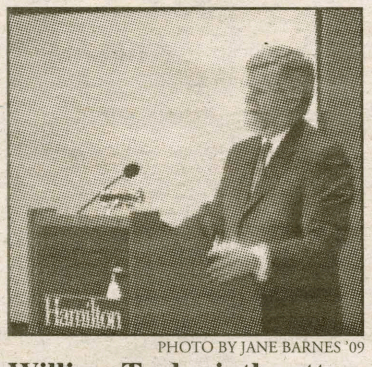


PHOTO BY JANE BARNES '09

William Taylor is the attorney for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York.

with liberals. Critics of judicial activism accuse these judges of not following original intent and making laws rather than following them.

The lecture focused on the difference between two key Oneida Nation land claim cases.

The Oneida Nation's issues were that "everything that has to do with the rights of the Indians; Congress has the power to give and the power to take it away," stated Taylor. In *the Oneida Indian Nation v. the County of Oneida*, the Native Americans felt that people took their land, and they wanted past rent paid to rectify the situation. In 1985 the court decided 5 to 4 in favor of the Oneidas and awarded damages. The criticism of this decision was that the judiciary was undoing something that the legislator would now have to fix.

However, a 2005 Supreme Court decision regarding the *City of Sherrill, New York v. Oneida Indian Nation of New York*, the court decided that the Oneidas cannot revive an ancient sovereignty. Some justices felt that time should bar the claim for damages. The question of judicial activism is raised here again when the option of ignoring precedent is raised.

Taylor compared the issues with those of affirmative action. Affirmative action aids groups that were historically wronged. That is essentially what the Oneida Nation is asking for. They are demanding damages for incidents that occurred decades ago. Judges then have to decide what they feel the statute of limitations is on this issue.

"The results are impossible to work together but the only thing that changed was the composition of the Court," said Taylor. He then discussed whether we should be looking for those judges who have core fundamental beliefs or those that disregard legislation and precedent.

Dean Thompson wants to raise awareness about date-rape drugs

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson wants students to be on the lookout for date-rape drugs on campus. Although no incidents of drug-facilitated sexual assault have been confirmed on campus in recent years, according to Thompson, she expressed her concern in an e-mail to students on Friday, November 11.

"I don't know of any confirmed cases involving these drugs at Hamilton, but it's certainly possible here and at any other campus, and I want our students to be safe," Thompson told *The Spectator*.

Thompson's e-mail included "Frequently Asked Questions about Date Rape Drugs" from the National Women's Health Information Center, A Project of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Women's Health, and provided a link to the organization's website for further information.

The e-mail had information about three known date-rape drugs: GHB, Rohypnol and Ketamine. According to the information from the Department of Health and Human Services, GHB can be a colorless, odorless liquid, a white powder, or a pill; Rohypnol is a pill that dissolves in liquids; and Ketamine is a white powder.

Thompson reiterated to *The Spectator* that any students who suspect they or a friend has been given a date-rape drug should seek help immediately.

"If students suspect that they have been drugged in some way, they should contact the EMTs if it's after hours or the Health Center if it's during hours and ask to be tested, and they'll most likely be transported to the hospital," she said.

> **"If someone was found responsible for that [administering date rape drugs], J-Board would take that very seriously and that could garner 10 points very quickly."**
>
> ***— Nancy Thompson, Dean of Students***

Date-rape drugs leave a person's system quickly, so students who suspect they have been drugged should seek medical assistance immediately. Thompson's e-mail also suggested that students not douche, bathe, or change clothes before seeking help because these things may destroy evidence of a sexual assault.

Thompson said she sent the notice to students to increase awareness about the potential and propensity for drug-facilitated sexual assaults to occur on college campuses.

"Often, people have to have the information about what to look for, which is why I put out the notice," she said. "We have medical calls for alcohol that come up, and I just thought we should make people aware of this stuff."

Thompson asserted that any student found responsible for administering a date-rape drug will likely face expulsion.

"Nothing is automatic. There would be an investigation," she said. "But, if someone was found responsible for that, J-Board would take that very seriously and that could garner 10 points very quickly."

Thompson also emphasized that students should not hesitate to call the EMTs or to seek help from other College officials.

"We're pleased that people seem very willing to call the EMTs, and I think that word has gotten out that we're much more interested in insuring students' health and safety than in pursuing disciplinary action," she said.

Students who want more information about drug-facilitated sexual assaults or who believe they have been the victim of such a crime can call the Hamilton College EMTs at extension 4000, the YWCA Rape Crisis Services at extension 5000 from a campus phone or at 315-797-7740, or the Office of the Dean of Students at extension 4020.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hawkish Democrat Calls for Iraq Pullout

WASHINGTON - An influential House Democrat who voted for the Iraq war called Thursday for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, another sign of growing unease in Congress about the conflict.

"It is time for a change in direction," said Rep. John Murtha (news, bio, voting record), D-Pa., one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats. "Our military is suffering, the future of our country is at risk. We cannot continue on the present course. It is evident that continued military action in Iraq is not in the best interests of the United States of America, the Iraqi people or the Persian Gulf region."

House Republicans assailed Murtha's position as one of abandonment and surrender, and accused Democrats of playing politics with the war. "They want us to retreat. They want us to wave the white flag of surrender to the terrorists of the world," Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said in a statement.

Murtha estimated that all U.S. troops could be pulled out within six months. A decorated Vietnam veteran, he choked back tears during his remarks to reporters.

Murtha's comments came just two days after the Senate voted to approve a statement that 2006 "should be a period of significant transition to full Iraqi sovereignty" to create the conditions for the phased withdrawal of U.S. forces.

Murtha voted to give the president authority to use force against Saddam Hussein in 2002 but in recent months has grown increasingly troubled with the direction of the war and with the Bush administration's handling of it.

"The war in Iraq is not going as advertised. It is a flawed policy

Texas Town Adopts Corporate Name

DISH, Texas (AP) -- Back in the 1950s, Hot Springs, N.M., was renamed Truth or Consequences, N.M., after a popular quiz show. During the dot-com boom of 2000, Halfway, Ore., agreed to become Half.com for a year.

This week, Clark, Texas, morphed into DISH in exchange for a decade of free satellite television from the DISH Network for the town's 55 homes.

Across the nation, small communities are being courted by large corporations who say renaming a town provides a marketing buzz that can't be bought in television ads. Though some worry about corporate America's increasing influence in local government, many towns seem eager to accept.

In a deal unanimously approved Tuesday by the two-member town council, Clark agreed to become DISH permanently, effective immediately. It's part of an advertising campaign for Englewood, Colo.-based EchoStar Communications Corp., which operates the DISH Network satellite TV system.

The company pegged the deal at about $4,500 per home in the rural patch of ranch land, which is about a half hour's drive north of Dallas-Fort Worth.

WORLD NEWS

Jordanians Adjust to Increased Security

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) -- There is a new way of life in Jordan: residents now have to be searched before they will be served. Since last week's deadly hotel bombings, metal detectors have been erected at restaurants and shopping centers, and body searches and ID checks have become routine.

"I don't like it, but I'll just have to adjust and accept it," said 28-year-old shopper Roula Hijazi, who had to pass through a metal detector to enter Mecca Mall. "We have to make sure this kind of thing does not happen again."

Jordan had prided itself on being one of the most stable and safest countries in a region racked by violence and instability. Security checks -- while normal in countries like Israel, Iraq, Lebanon and Egypt -- had been alien to Jordanian society.

But authorities say the new security measures are a necessity following the Nov. 9 triple hotel bombings that rattled this once-tranquil Middle Eastern country.

The death toll from the blasts rose Thursday to 62 -- including three suicide bombers -- with the death of the mother of a bride whose wedding was devastated in the Radisson SAS bombing.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, the terror group led by Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Compiled by Matt Palascak '07

Sociology lecturer: criminal justice system is being used to regulate women's reproduction

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

Jeanne Flavin, an Associate Professor of Sociology at Fordham University and the 2002 recipient of The American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime's New Scholar Award, recently gave a lecture entitled "Trampled: How the Criminal Justice System Regulates Women's Reproduction."

Flavin is currently working on two books: "Trampled: Women, Crime, and Reproductive Rights in America" and "Regulating Difference: Race, Gender, and Punishment in America."

"My overarching concern is how the criminal justice system is trying to regulate women's reproduction," said Flavin. She believes that the criminal justice system is interested in defining which women are fit to have children. Women from poor black and Hispanic minorities are often left out of this category.

Flavin cited former Secretary of Education William Bennett's September 2005 comment that the abortion of all black babies would reduce the crime rate as an extreme example of the belief that minority women are considered unsuitable mothers.

She argued that poor minority women in the United States are seen as the cause of numerous social issues such as crime, drug use, poor schools, and poverty rather than the system: "Blaming poor people for their poverty is as American as apple pie."

Poor minority women are considered irresponsible by society and incapable of controlling their reproduction. Flavin believes that the "no procreation" orders and plea bargains requiring sterilization suggest that the criminal justice system has reduced poor women to subjects who are the targets of resentment, rather than citizens who deserve protection and public concern.

Flavin argued that minority women's rights have historically been disrespected. Children of slaves were profitable, and women slaves were encouraged to reproduce. When slavery ended, black children were no longer property, and black women were discouraged from reproducing.

The Eugenics Movement during the early 20th century promoted the reproduction of the white European Protestant population. Advocates of the movement discouraged blacks, immigrants, and the working class from reproducing. These groups were viewed as intellectually and morally inferior.

In the second half of the 20th century, poor women having too many children were believed to be the cause of poverty in the United States. Doctors advocated birth control and sterilization for women they considered financially unable to support a family. "Many doctors believed that women could not or would not use birth control properly," said Flavin.

Today, courts order women convicted of abuse, neglect, drug use, or even check fraud not to reproduce. Sometimes they order the sterilization of these women in order to prevent them from causing further harm. Project Prevention, a privately funded organization founded in 1997, has paid 622 women who use drugs to be sterilized. Many of these women are referred to the program by law enforcement agencies and drug treatment programs.

Flavin presented three justifications that judges, legislators, and organizations such as Project Prevention provide for the sterilization and no-procreation policies enforced on poor women. The first justification is that these orders are purportedly designed to promote responsibility. The implication is that women who are poor or who use drugs are too irresponsible to have children.

Poor Black and Hispanic women are more likely than other women to be perceived as representing more reproductive threats. "These women are stereotyped as hypersexual; irresponsible is becoming the code word for immoral," said Flavin.

The second justification is that sterilization and no-procreation policies save money by preventing the births of children who would simply cost the government money to support. Flavin argues that welfare is only 1-2% of the U.S. budget and that welfare mothers are not a drain on resources. She objects to a "credit check" being imposed on the right to bear and produce children.

The third justification is that children are protected from birth defects and disabilities by not being born to mothers who use drugs or are otherwise unfit to be parents. Flavin argues that Medical evidence indicating the harm associated with maternal drug use has been exaggerated: a fetus exposed to a mother's cocaine use does not suffer irreversible damage.

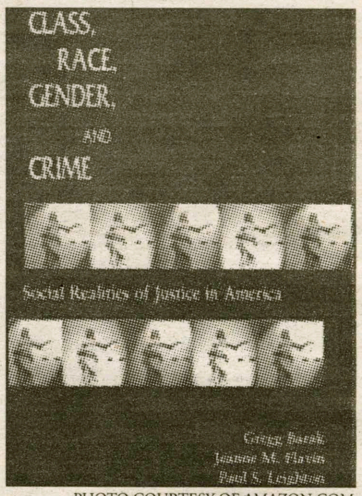


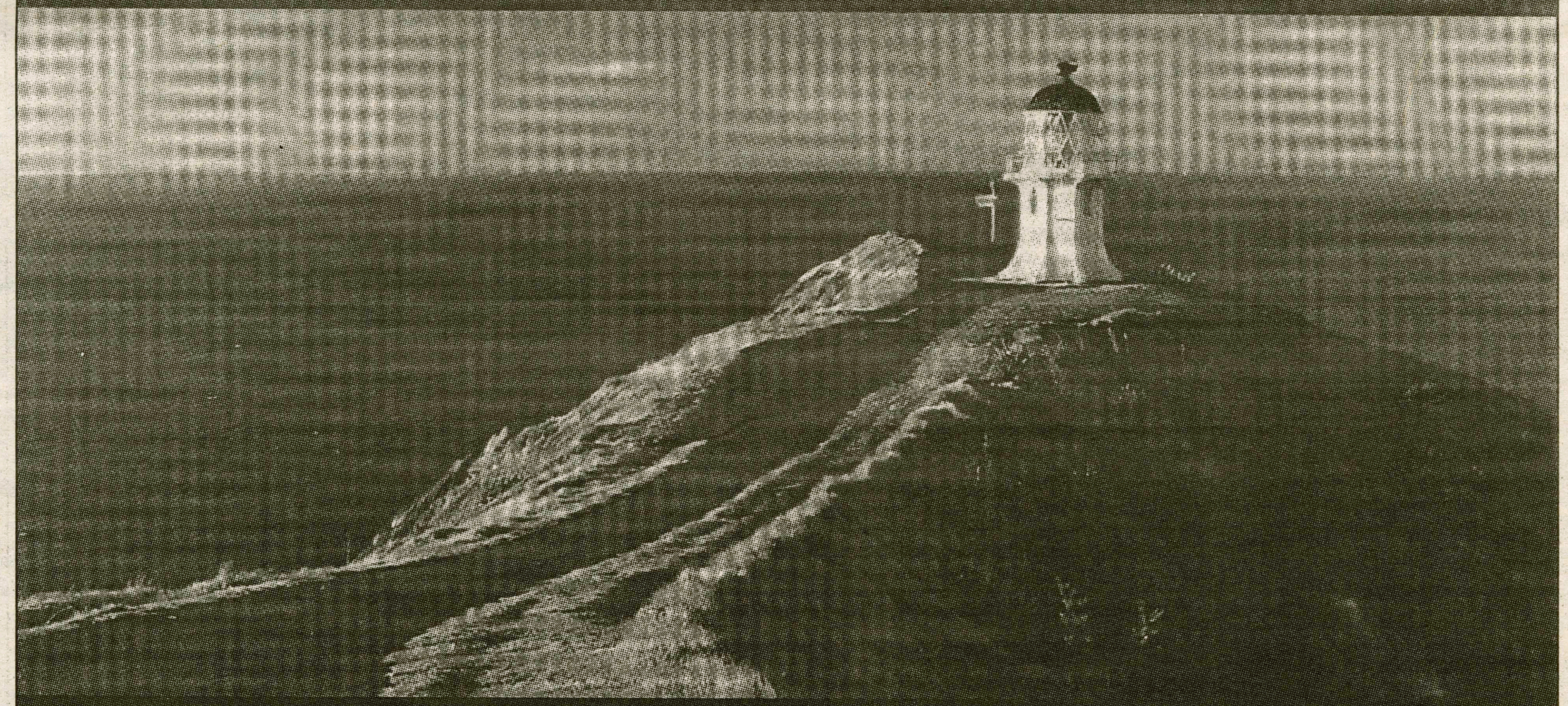
PHOTO COURTESY OF AMAZON.COM

Flavin is an associate professor of sociology at Fordham University.

Flavin argues that the right to produce should be kept separate from the question of whether a woman is a good mother or not. She objects to the regulation of a pregnant woman's every action and feels it gives the state too much power.

Flavin believes the criminal justice system has no place regulating women's reproduction: "If we were truly concerned about the well-being of the offspring born to poor women," she concluded, "then we would direct our concern into the improvement of maternal health programs."

IMMERSE YOURSELF ACADEMICALLY, CULTURALLY, AND PERSONALLY.



STUDY ABROAD Australia, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Mexico, Scotland, and Spain

IFSA-Butler offers the best in academic programs and student services, including fully staffed overseas offices, a memorable on-site orientation, weekend excursions and adventure trips, personal predeparture advising, guaranteed housing, and a U.S. university transcript for easy credit transfer.

Visit your Study Abroad office to find out more and to select the right program for you!
Edith Toegel, Kirner-Johnson, e-mail: etoegel@hamilton.edu

WWW.IFSA-BUTLER.ORG 800-858-0229

Institute for Study Abroad
BUTLER UNIVERSITY
Immerse Yourself.

The Spectator

This week, Hamilton College fired Pete Alvanos, the head football coach for the past five years, and John Keady, his defensive coordinator. Although College officials, including Dean of the Faculty David Paris and Athletics Director Dave Thompson, avoided words like "fired," "removed," or "dismissed," it is quite clear that the two coaches aren't taking an extended vacation. No, they have been removed from their position because of their performance.

From what football playerstold our reporter, many of them looked up to their coaches. One player told us Alvanos and Keady "were the two that basically got me through the Admissions Office to be academically eligible to attend Hamilton College. They put their jobs on the line to make sure we succeed when we get to school, academically and athletically." Exactly what role football coaches should play in getting a student "through the Admissions Office to be academically eligible" to go to school here is a topic for another day. But, what this type of sentiment also shows is that the coaches cared about their players and the players cared about their coaches. In this respect, it is a truly sad day to see two fine men, who served as role models and mentors to many of our football players, have to leave the program.

Having acknowledged this, under Pete Alvanos for the past five seasons, the Continentals were 5-35. It doesn't matter if your name is Lombardi, Parcells or Belichick, winning an average of one game per year just doesn't cut it. Although all of the blame can certainly not be placed on Alvanos and Keady, the truth is the team needed a change. If Hamilton College is committed to fielding a football team, as it appears to be, then it must make every effort to ensure that it is competitive. If Hamilton College is going to pour monetary resources into the team and have its coaches get students "through the Admissions Office to be academically eligible," then we need some results on the field to show for it. That simply has not been the case.

Hopefully, if Hamilton continues to make a commitment to the varsity football team, it will do all in its power to ensure its team is competitive. Assuming this commitment is there, we hope the College will find a new staff that can not only bring some wins to the Continentals, but who can fill the void our departing staff filled in the lives of some of our classmates.

The Spectator

Ian B. Mandel,
Editor-in-Chief

Matthew W. Palascak, *Managing Editor*

Katharine M. Childs, *News Editor*

Whitney P. Kimmel, *Features Editor*

Laura D. Trubiano, *Science & Technology Editor*

Allison Krutul, *Senior Copy Editor*

Rebecca R. Grusky, *Office Manager*

Thomas S. Booth, *Staff Cartoonist*

Katherine A. Jurras, *Arts & Entertainment Editor*

Letty Z. Bedard, *Senior Photography Editor*

Robert B. Cole, *Senior Photography Editor*

Anne Schlesinger, *Copy Editor*

Brian Greenleaf, *Delivery Manager*

Jonathan L. Kuhl, *Senior Editor*

Caitlin M. Rochford, *Insights & Ideas Editor*

Katherine W. Stinchfield, *Sports Editor*

Nicholas H. Rockwell, *Sports Editor*

Daniel Wittenberg, *Advertisements Manager*

Tara E. Rosabal, *Office Manager*

Emily Tang, *Website Manager*

Celebrating our 157th year in print.
First published asThe Radiator in 1848.

The Editorial represents the opinion of a majority of The Spectator Editorial Board. The Hamilton College Spectator, *publication number USPS 612-840, is published weekly by the Hamilton College Student Media Board while classes are in session. Subscriptions are $50 per year. Our offices are located on the third floor of Bristol Campus Center. The deadline for letters and advertisements is Tuesday the week of publication. For further information, please call (315) 859-4100 or (preferably) e-mail spec@hamilton.edu. For advertisements, e-mail spec@hamilton.edu.*

Advertise in The Spectator!
E-mail dwittenb@hamilton.edu for more info

CHICKEN WINGS!

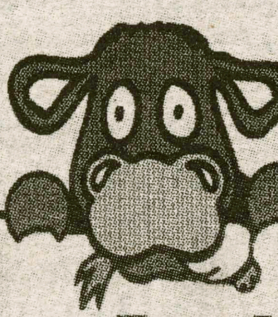
- Carolina Pulled Pork
- Memphis Style Ribs
- BBQ Chicken
- Smoked Turkey
- Texas Brisket
- Texas Sausage
- Homemade Fixins

DON'T FORGET US FOR YOUR HOLIDAY CATERING!

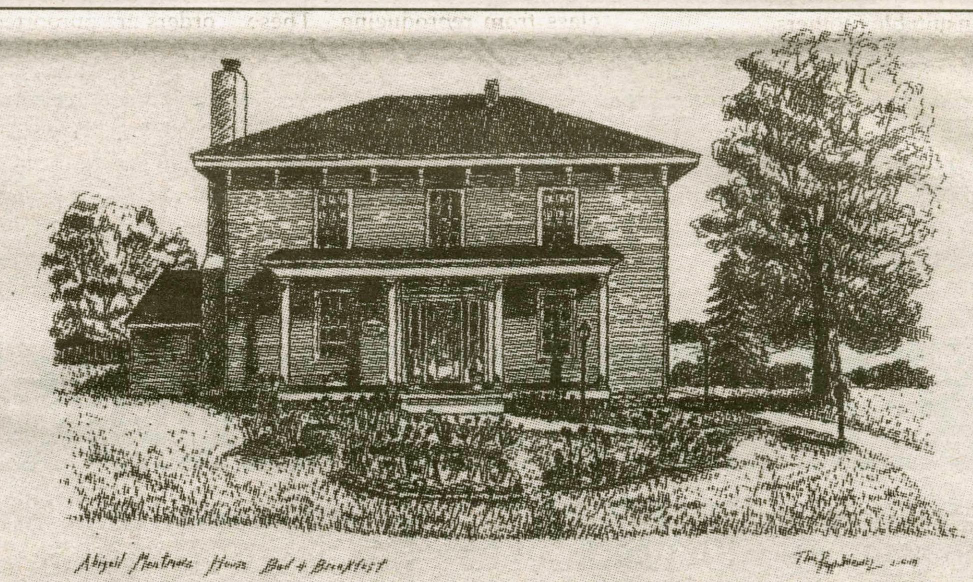
POUND PATTER THURSDAYS!
1# Ribs
1# Potatoes (French Fries or Salt)
1# Beverage (16oz soda or 19oz beer) . . . $9.95 ($16.25 Value!)

- Great Music
- Sports On TV's

Daily Lunch Buffetts 11:30am-2:00pm • Wed.-Sat.
CALL 73PIGGY • 737-4449
WE DELIVER • www.piggypate.com
Kellogg Rd. & Rt. 8 • Washington Mills
Open Wed.-Sun.



CRANE FARM LLC
Self Storage
6988 College Hill Rd.
Clinton, NY
315-794-9850 315-794-1860



Abigail Mentmore House
Bed & Breakfast
The House with a view of
Hamilton College

Diana Manning
6831 Reservoir Road
Clinton, New York 13323

315-796-0071
www.mentmorehouse.com
Email: mentmore1@aol.com

Insights & Ideas

Life or something like it

Picture this: You are sitting rather calmly in Café Opus, enjoying a vanilla latte in an armchair, and you look up briefly. Seated directly across from you is a student, perhaps an acquaintance of yours or not, who is staring at you. After three more minutes you catch the same person staring at you once again and you cannot decide whether you have some foam on your mouth or whether he/she simply has a bad habit.

by Kristen Pinna '06
Insights & Ideas Writer

Staring has become the social faux-pas of 2005. Sometimes the 'starer' doesn't realize that he/she is in fact boring two holes into you, and other times the continuous glances are on purpose. It is often rather difficult to distinguish between both scenarios, and here lies the dilemma with staring. In the aforementioned situation, any prior interactions with the 'starer' could influence your reading of the stare itself. A bad experience, or a good one for that matter, could cause you to see the stare as either positive or negative. Quite simply, too much is left up to interpretation and both the 'starer' and the object of the stare are put into a rather precarious situation.

If people are aware that staring is not only rude but also has the ability to cause others to question the glare, then why does it occur? It seems that there are two logical reasons that would justify the staring phenomenon that has Hamilton students at a loss. The first derives from what seems to be a rather unintentional habit of the 'starer' him/herself. It is only appropriate to conclude that some people simply do not realize that they stare off into space, and that the object of that particular haze turns out to be another person. Perhaps an interesting piece of clothing or gesture pricks the 'starer's' fancy and he/she continues to gaze for a good amount of time until the line of vision is disturbed.

In the second case the person staring at you is indeed doing so with a specific reason. His/her intent is to stalk you with their eyes in an effort to garner your attention. It seems that their efforts most certainly would, but the message could very easily become lost in translation. Where then does the line between staring for no apparent reason and staring with a direct purpose become muddled? Naturally, the answer to this conjecture lies with the receiver of the stare. If he/she perceives the action the wrong way, something akin to misinterpretation would inevitably occur.

It is no wonder that many Hamilton students are subject to the staring phenomenon that has riddled this campus for the past semester. A slightly invasive look on a bad day could produce all sorts of negative and unwarranted vibes from someone who is the victim of a prolonged gaze. Are we, as college students, to always remain on the look out for 'starers'? Or has this trend simply shown us that we must be more wary of its role as a potential catalyst for silent feuds at Hamilton?

First semester winds down

by Brianna Felton '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

With the end of the semester rapidly approaching, a few questions come to the minds of many first year students. What exactly is a reading period? How long will I last in my room with nothing to do but study? I have no more bonuses, what do I do? Not only is it a time of mass confusion, but also a time of extreme satisfaction. The first year students have almost made it through their trial period at Hamilton. They know all the abbreviations for buildings, just like the upperclassmen, and navigation of the campus is almost no issue. One thing to remember is that it is important not to let the holidays get to your head and stay focused.

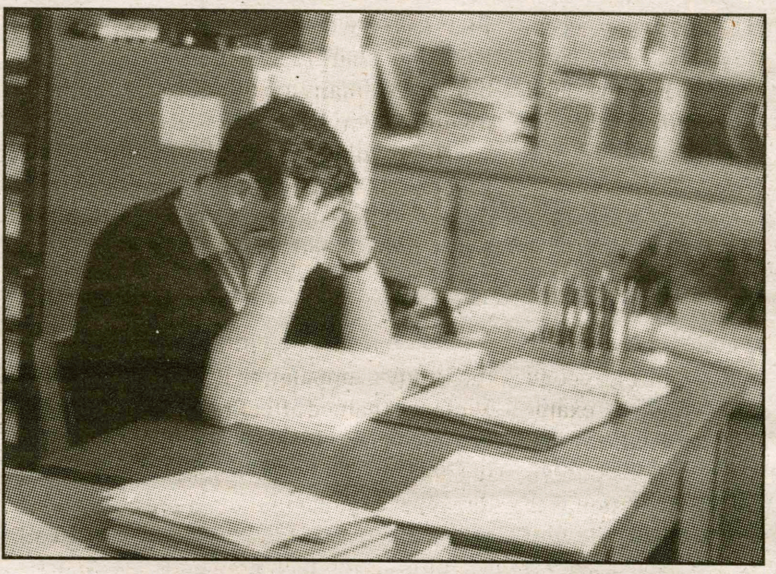


PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.TRIUMPH.CA

The end of the semester means more time spent studying in the library and less time at the Little Pub.

The workload at Hamilton College is nothing to blink at. On a normal basis, the week is spent in every area of the campus studying for this class or doing a project for another. It's safe to say these facts are multiplied by ten now that the semester is coming to a close. Every professor assumes that their students are ready to devote ample time to their studies. It's the studentss job to make sure we don't let the fantasy of vacation deter us from our job description. Classes are beginning to seem more like avalanches than classes. There might not be any tests left, but there is still plenty of information to go over. At least there is a reading period to cover all those topics that we brushed over during the semester.

The reading period is the generous time the campus sets aside for studying, studying, and more studying. It can be done almost anywhere, but more commonly in the library, Café Opus, or the Science Center. The library during the semester tends to be a social center. Not a lot of kids are typing vigorously away at their laptops writing a paper. What better way to use the wireless internet but to talk to your friend on the third floor. However, the Science Center is becoming more and more popular. Not only is it quiet, but there are chalkboards and comfy chairs at your disposal. Wherever students go, all that will be going on during the reading period is studying.

As for the bonuses, all that can really be said is cash is just as good. There is nothing like a late night snack to get a mind back on the study track. Even though first years may have blown through their first set of bonuses, after this reading period they'll probably use them more wisely. The day after their last exam will be when they finally join the ranks of the rest of Hamilton's students. One semester down, 7 to go.

The end of the semester may be tough, but it doesn't have to be all work. The best way to ensure that the exams go smoothly is to every once in a while HAVE A LITTLE FUN. Let the good grades come to you as you review, not learn, exactly what was taught over the semester. Good Luck!

Thumbs up

- Hitting for the cycle by hooking up with people in all 4 of your classes.

- Pumpkin pie, stuffing and turkey in one week...

- Going home: finally letting you get rid of that cough you picked up in September.

- Class and Charter Pre-Game: Dec. 9th.

- The lack of a bus home this break. Hamilton: 1 TKE: 0.

- A-Rod.

Thumbs down

- Awkward drunk Thanksgiving stories with the entire fam: "So, Grandma, I was making out with this chick in Bundy, right?"

- The iTunes store letting you buy the Pussycat Dolls song in the privacy of your dorm.

- Hostile takeovers of the football team.

- Lame weeks giving us nothing to make fun of you about.

by Jesse Gaylord '06
and
Jason Thomas '06

Who cares

- Wal-Mart movies. Until another store offers shotguns and cheese in the same aisle, we're still gonna go.

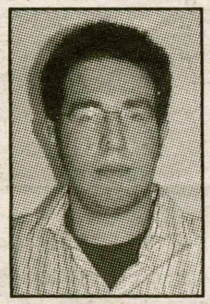
- Freshmen with bids: Keep in mind two words for the next semester: Elephant Walk.

- People who complain about the weather. Remember in January, you'll be wearing shorts when it hits 37.

- "Free Willy" & "Casper" on the movie channel. Doesn't SA know they don't watch TV in the daycare center?

Left! Right! Hamilton, let's fight!

This week's topic: Gun Control



by Christopher Bouton '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." -2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Who knew twenty seven little words could cause so much debate and trouble? To properly understand the second amendment, an examination of its historical context is needed. The Constitution was written in 1787, with the Bill of Rights added afterwards to assuage fears of a too powerful Federal government.

The desire to protect gun ownership finds its roots at the beginning of the American Revolution. The memory of British troops marching on Lexington and Concord to seize weapons and powder stores lingered in the minds of the Founding Fathers.

The protection of the right to bear arms made sense at the time. Militias were the backbone of colonial and subsequent national defense. Militia forces quelled Shays Rebellion in Massachusetts. Police forces, as we know them today, did not exist. The North American continent was largely unexplored, and what lay beyond the Appalachians was unknown to most Americans. Westward moving settlers feared Indian attack and required a gun to get food. In addition, some feared British incursion from Canada, after Canada rejected U.S. overtures to join the United States.

The circumstances some two and a quarter centuries later have changed. America now has the best trained and most well equipped military in the world (though some would argue that fighting force has been weakened). Police forces patrol the streets of every city or town in America, charged with enforcing the law and keeping the population safe. Militias no longer exist, except on the lunatic fringe, i.e. the Montana Militia, and those are not government-sponsored. There is no frontier left to conquer, the nation has been settled from sea to shining sea. The American population has settled itself in cities and urban areas. Gone are the days of people having to go miles to get to their neighbor's house. In today's world we have no fear of Redcoats charging across the Canadian border. So many of the old reasons for owning a gun have fallen away.

John Milton wrote in his treatise, "On Liberty," that the only time a government may interfere with the liberties of its people is when that liberty threatens the lives of others. I think that this logic can be applied to guns.

Let me add a qualifier. According to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Handgun Violence (named after President Reagan's press secretary, James Brady) there are 192 million guns in America. As much as a danger as I think guns are, there is no way to simply get rid of 192 million guns, only 65 million of which are handguns. What should be done is stricter gun laws that make it difficult for people to get a gun. Guns, when placed in the wrong hands, lead to unspeakable tragedies.

The Federal assault weapons ban should be revived. There is no logical reason why anyone should need an assault weapon. No seventy-eight year old grandmother ever protected her house from an intruder with an AK-47 or a Mac-10. Assault weapons should not even be produced except for the police and military (or to be sold to Iran).

I'll end this column with some simple yet startling statistics about guns in America (all statistics taken from Brady Campaign to prevent Handgun Violence):

In 2003, there were 163 justifiable homicides with a handgun (justifiable meaning the killing of a felon in the commission of a felony by a private citizen, information taken from FBI).

The presence of a gun in the home triples the risk of homicide and quintuples the risk of suicide.

Firearms are the second leading cause of death (after car accidents) for people 19 and under in the United States.

In 2002, 30,242 people died from firearm related deaths (murder, suicide, accident, etc.). Comparatively, 33,651 Americans died during U.S. involvement in the Korean conflict from 1950-1953.

In 2001, there were 6 gun murders in New Zealand, 56 in Japan, 96 in Great Britain, 168 in Canada, and 331 in Germany (combined populations equal that of the US). In the United States there were 11,348. Do you think the difference comes because Americans are more violent or because those countries have strict gun control laws?

by Benjamin Noble '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

About three weeks ago, on October 26, 2005, President Bush signed the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" into law, thereby blocking any future lawsuits attempting to hold firearms industry companies liable for the actions of criminals who misuse the industry's lawful products. This legislation put an end to frivolous lawsuits that clog the court system, hurt small businesses, and enrich trial lawyers at the expense of victims and consumers.

Bush signing this bill into law was the latest event in the extensive national gun control debate. The gun debate starts with, like most American political debates, our Constitution.

The Second Amendment protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The meaning of the 2nd Amendment is fiercely debated. But like the rest of the Constitution, it should be read in its original intent. The Founding Fathers knew, like most of us do, that we have a fundamental natural right to life (along with liberty and property). To preserve and protect our natural right to life it is absolutely necessary that we have the means of self-defense. The Founders were not guaranteeing the right to gun ownership to just an organized collective militia, but to "the people," as in the public at large. The 2nd Amendment is just another section of the Constitution that liberals would like to disregard and throw out if they cannot misconstrue it to their liking.

Guns do not only provide self-defense to their owners. They additionally decrease the overall risk of violent crime because a widespread ownership by law-abiding citizens is a deterrent to all criminals, from bank robbers to rapists. However, the liberal media usually never report on such events.

Firearm ownership also provides for security against tyranny. An armed citizenry is the people's very last line of defense against tyranny by their own government. The Founders made the importance of an armed citizenry clear because they understood that the first step tyrannical governments take to oppress the people is to disarm them. There are numerous historical examples of firearm restrictions that lead to tyranny: the Glorious Revolution, American Revolution, Nazi Germany, USSR, and others. As seen in these regimes, oppressive governments with aspirations of clamping down will often ban guns from the area they wish to control, thus reducing resistance.

Sure, there are already many checks on our government from becoming tyrannical before the gun option is needed. But our Founders probably would not have listed the right to bear arms as second in the Bill of Rights if they did not think that is was essential for the preservation of our republic.

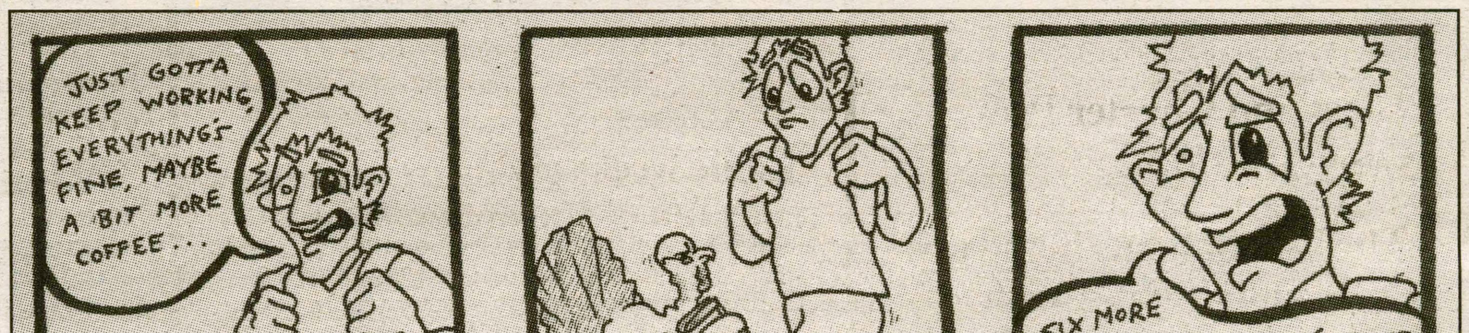
On a more micro level, firearm ownership is also essential for the protection of private property. An individual has a natural right to have the means to protect his own life, his family, and the trespassing of his property. Therefore, it is an absolute abomination that many criminals have won lawsuits for being shot when illegally breaking and entering.

The main goal of national and state gun control legislation is to reduce the overall crime rates. Yet, when one looks at the crime rates over the last couple of decades, one comes to realize that gun control ultimately fails. The places with the most gun control laws in the United States are Chicago, New York, Los Angeles., and Washington D.C.; but each of these cities still has some of the highest crime rates in America.

In contrast, in every state that has enacted a conceal carry law, making it easier for more law-abiding citizens to carry guns, crime rates have plummeted. After the right-to-carry law went into effect in Texas in 1996, the state's murder rates fell by 60% within four years. After a similar law went into effect in Florida in 1987, Florida's homicide rate fell by 23% in five years (in contrast to the national homicide rate, which rose 9% during the same period).

This is not a call for complete deregulation of guns. Guns do need to be regulated, but on the state level and not to excess. We have to remember when looking at crime and its prevention that a gun is just like any other tool. It can be used for good and evil purposes. Our focus should be the crime, not the tool the criminal used. To prevent crime through the law and government there should be harsher punishments for gun related crimes and stricter enforcement of existing laws.

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06



Irregular Jitney service more than inconvenient

by Katharine Eckman '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

One of the most alluring aspects of college to most incoming freshmen is the prospective sense of freedom and independence. College students theoretically do have those two qualities in abundance—making their own decisions about food, going out, studying, which classes to take, etc. However, upon arrival to the Hill, many first years have found that the Hill is isolated and confining, feelings that can be directly related to the lack of an effective Jitney service.

Freshmen are not permitted to have cars on campus except under certain and specific circumstances. Therefore, most freshmen rely on the college-provided Jitney service to get around. The Jitney takes passengers to Target, Wal-Mart, the movies, downtown Clinton, and to Tops. Announcements regarding Jitney service have been received by e-mail since freshmen orientation week, but despite these e-mails, the service is far from consistent, predictable, organized, and efficient.

I have ridden the Jitney on numerous occasions, and I have found that it has been late or has not shown up at all. These problems are inconsistent with the detailed schedule students received their first week. The schedule stated that the jitney would arrive at each designated pick-up spot at specific times. For example, the Jitney should pick-up at Wal-Mart at the 27th minute after the hour. I have never found that the Jitney has been that precise or even within five or ten minutes of the 27th minute.

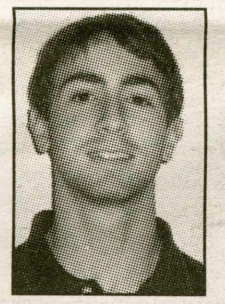
The Jitney service is an excellent idea but thus far has been executed poorly. It is unreliable, and the drivers are often uninformed about pick-up times. Recently, several of my friends and I went to Wal-Mart. That day, four hours worth of Jitney service had been cancelled on short notice. Upon exiting, we inquired as to the last pick up time for Wal-Mart. The driver told us the last Jitney would be coming through at 9:20. We were ready to be picked up at 8:00 and waited 45 minutes before calling Campus Safety because we were concerned that the driver had been incorrect. He was. Campus Safety informed us that the last Jitney had gone through at 7:20. Campus Safety called a cab for us, and we arrived safely back at Hamilton about an hour and a half after we would have had the Jitney driver been correct in his information. Upon arriving on campus, we also learned that the Jitney driver had signed out earlier than he should have, thus strengthening the argument that many Jitney drivers are careless in their execution of the job they are being paid to do. Another example of the lack of service was given to me by a friend. She took the Jitney into town to have dinner, and the driver stated that the last Jitney would arrive at 7:55. The friend had a sprained ankle and was therefore relying heavily on Jitney service to take her back up the hill. The Jitney, however, was not there at the prescribed time, and my friend walked up the entire hill with a sprained ankle and missed a video she needed to see for class. College students don't have innumerable hours to sit around waiting for the Jitney to come. Is it so much to ask that an essential service like the Jitney be reliable?

Hamilton College is the 15th best liberal arts institution in the country, and yet we seem to have an acute problem running a simple Jitney service efficiently and in an organized manner. Jitney drivers are paid to do their jobs just as diner employees and library workers are, and therefore, college students expect the same level of dedication and organization from the drivers of the Jitney.

Furthermore, the Jitneys are too small. There are often long lines of students waiting, and many times several students aren't able to fit. There should be more than one Jitney running at a time, which would increase the number of pick up times, or the College should invest in a larger and safer vehicle. Students are often piled up on each other or shoved dangerously into the trunk. We're paying $45,000 a year to be shoved in the trunk of an old, unsafe van?

It's time that the college realize how ineffective the current system is. The idea is a good and essential one, but without proper execution of that idea, the service is rendered worthless.

It's time to warm up to global warming



by Jonathan Zellner '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

2005, destined to become the warmest year in recorded history, has been an active year for devastating natural disasters. Case in point, there have been twenty-three named tropical storms this Atlantic hurricane season—with still two weeks to go until it's officially over. No matter what happens here on out, this hurricane season will go down as the most active on record. It will also have the distinction of being the most destructive. According to weather.com, at $45 billion and counting, it has surpassed the (U.S.) damage record of $42 billion set just last year.

And the catastrophes haven't been confined strictly to the United States. October's earthquake in India and Pakistan claimed the lives of some 87,000, a figure that is still growing. Last December's Indian Ocean earthquake and the ensuing "Boxing Day Tsunami," although having transpired in 2004, resulted in approximately 275,000 deaths. The earthquake was the second strongest ever measured. The resultant tsunami was the deadliest.

Obviously, it's chilling when looking at the scope of destruction of these events. Perhaps even more alarming is the frequency and intensity with which they are suddenly occurring. Was it coincidental that four powerful hurricanes hit Florida last summer, or merely a sign of things yet to come?

Not surprisingly, there has been expanded talk of global warming in light of the recent hurricanes, earthquakes, and tsunami. After all, the world has gotten steadily warmer over the last quarter-century, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is increasing, and major catastrophes are becoming all too common.

Well, this talk has not really infiltrated the Bush administration. Bush, in particular, is not—and has not been—all that adamant about taking an active approach to battling global warming. He has said all along that he does not want to submit the Kyoto Protocol treaty for ratification because he believes it will strain the economy. In his opinion, mandatory controls on global warming gas emissions will result in overwhelming electricity costs.

What a logical argument. I mean, look at the cost inflicted by the Iraq War on the U.S. economy—not to mention morale. Without question, the price of taking action against global warming is far greater than the price of fighting worldwide terrorism and spreading democracy, right?

Clearly, Bush doesn't have a clue what he's talking about in this regard. Nor does he want to commit himself to acting against global warming. That's definitely cause for concern. The national government should have a fairly good grasp on this issue and should be willing to do something about it. Thankfully, some leadership is being exerted by the states. For instance, thirty states have already passed their own regulations on automobile emissions of carbon dioxide, as reported by the *New York Times*.

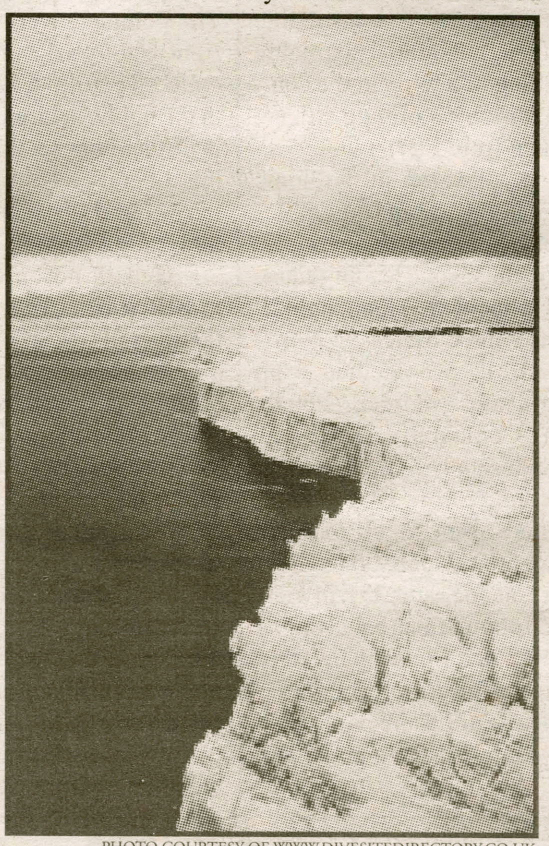


PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.DIVESITEDIRECTORY.CO.UK

Many environmentalists worry about that climate change will have a detremental effect on glaciers.

Bush's assertion that emissions control programs will bring unnecessary electricity costs is deeply flawed. Just to illustrate, Senator Thomas Carper (D-DE) recently sponsored a measure of carbon dioxide control that would cost energy suppliers only a dollar per ton. The *Times* indicates that this proposal would apply strictly to power plants, and would not include motor vehicles and other sources of emissions. Thus, the plan would not be burdensome. Its expenses would pale in comparison to those of U.S. operations in the Middle East.

If Bush and his administration want to largely ignore global warming, they are being unwise. There is plenty of reason to believe that global warming has an effect on natural disasters like tropical storms. It helps warm ocean waters, thereby providing the fuel that drives these systems. They only get stronger as the waters get warmer. Considering sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico this summer were routinely in the nineties—well above seasonal averages—it's no wonder that hurricanes like Dennis, Katrina, Rita, and Wilma developed.

Studies have concluded that global warming might influence earthquakes as well. A recent NASA report found that rapidly melting glaciers in Alaska spurred increasingly recurrent earthquake activity between 1986 and 2002. When glaciers retreat, tectonic plates become more mobile—hence influencing more frequent activity. NASA.org attests that increased mobility may contribute to changes in the circulation of magma, which can trap plates together more forcefully and trigger more and more powerful tremors—even far away from arctic regions.

Of greater concern, there is lucid evidence that atmospheric carbon dioxide is accelerating the melting of the polar ice caps. The prospect exists that they have been damaged to the point where recovery is impossible. Catastrophic devastation isn't inevitable, but if serious action isn't taken against global warming gas emissions sometime in the near future, we might not be able to avoid it.

Global warming is a real phenomenon. We should not deny the fact that humans are assisting in the disappearance of glaciers and, most likely, the rising ferocity of natural disasters. A lackadaisical, if not ignorant, approach to global warming, especially on behalf of the Bush administration, is highly discouraging. Little to nothing can be accomplished with that sort of mentality. And there's nothing worse than having to say "I told you so" when it's too late to act.

Dear Hamilton Helper

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I'm not really happy with the courses that I ended up having to register for. A lot of the classes I wanted to take had conflicting times, and others filled up before I could register for them. The result is that I'm stuck in some classes that I'm less than thrilled about. What can I do about this?

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Saddened by Selections

Dear Saddened,

First of all, just because you were blocked out of a class doesn't mean that spots won't open up. If you're on the waiting list, there is still hope. Somebody could decide not to take the class, and then you'd get in. Even if you don't get into those classes, the ones that you signed up for could be really great. Maybe you'll find that you really like the art class you're in, or that you really enjoy government. Make the most of your classes. Plus, just think that next semester you'll be able to register sooner and make fun of your friends when this happens to them.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

The semester is winding down and my grades are less than stellar. I'm beginning to panic a little about what'll happen when my parents get my report card. I'm really working hard, but my grades are going to be a lot lower than they're used to. What can I do to get better grades?

Gloomy at Grades

Dear Gloomy,

First of all, you need to understand that grades aren't everything. If you're learning a lot in your classes and really getting something out of them, that should be good enough. If your grades are really low then you can always try asking your professor if they give extra credit assignments. Plus, there are still finals coming up, and those usually make up a good portion of people's grades, so if you study hard and do well on those it should boost your grades. If all that fails, you should start prepping your parents now, and maybe by December you can get them to believe that Hamilton really does grade things with a C being the high grade, followed by B and A.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

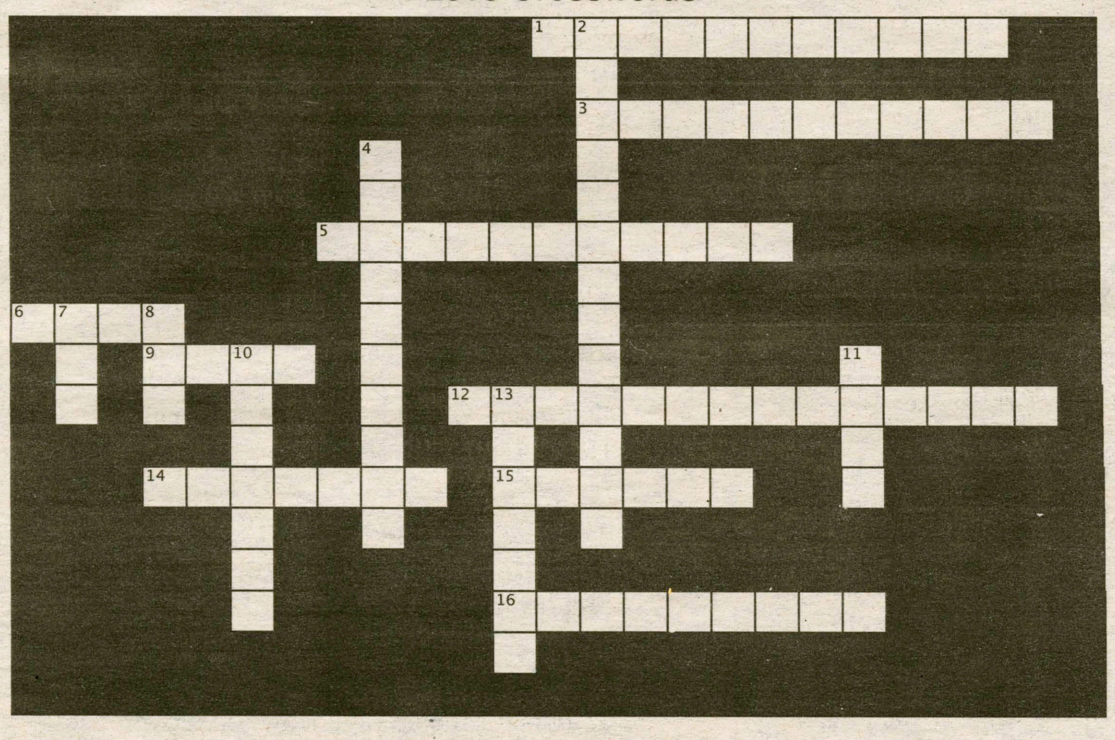
It seems like all of a sudden professors are pushing us into having all sorts of group assignments. I think I have a group assignment in every class. The problem is that I often have trouble scheduling times when the whole group can meet, especially when I'm trying to meet with four groups at once. What can I do about this?

Crazed by Combined Class work

Dear Crazed,

I understand your predicament, but group projects can be very beneficial and can encourage interpersonal communication amongst the members of your class. As far as meeting times, you could always try having several smaller meetings and thus eliminate the need for the whole group to be there at once. Then you can combine your work at the end. Otherwise you could always try having all four meetings at once to conserve time. I'm sure somehow you could work on a theater presentation while preparing a lecture on "Pride and Prejudice" and making a PowerPoint for government.

I Love Crosswords



Across

1. Hamilton performance
3. Kansas "design"?
5. Thursday night at the pub
6. Place for wireless
9. ____ performance (music lesson)
12. Where to find a Starbucks around here
14. Iraq "rumor"?
15. Possible cause of senior anxiety
16. Medical school application step

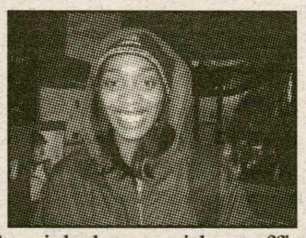
Down

2. O2 location
4. My Hamilton feature for each course
7. Class of 2007 dinner locale
8. H drive
10. Place for wireless
11. This weekend's prediction
13. Clinton restaurant

by Rebecca Grusky '06

Hamilton Unscripted

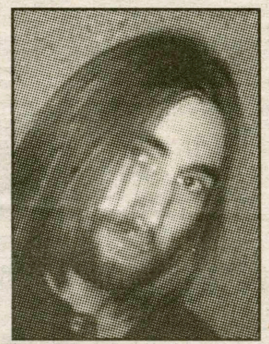
Question of the week: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?



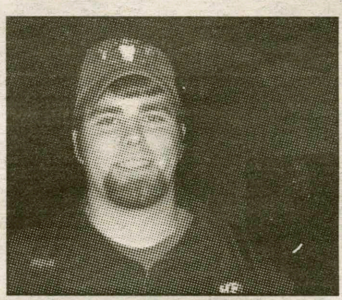
"Cornish hens with stuffing, instead of turkey." ~Christan Copeland '06

"Not helping out while watching my mom slave over our food." ~Teresa Fisher '08

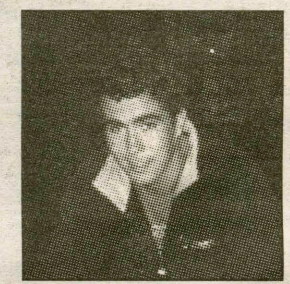
"Making a bow out of a small sapling and shooting a turkey in the corn field." ~Austin Hawkins '09



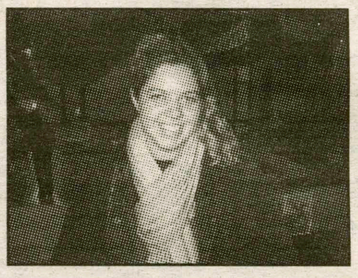
"Keehn Thanksgiving." ~Matt Handelman '06



"Laying on the couch, watching football and scratching myself." ~John McRae '09



"Going to the Macy's Day Parade and seeing Clifford." ~Oliver Perrachon '09



"Macy's Day Parade... and I don't eat turkey." ~Caroline Safran '07

by Eric Kuhn '09

Letters to the editor policy

THE SPECTATOR'S **LETTER TO THE EDITOR SECTION IS DESIGNED TO BE A FORUM FOR THE ENTIRE HAMILTON COMMNUNITY TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE CAMPUS, LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES. PIECES PUBLISHED IN THE SECTION EXPRESS THE OPINION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WRITERS, AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE OPINIONS OF *THE SPECTATOR*, ITS EDITORS, OR THE MEDIA BOARD. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOME FROM ALL STUDENTS, ALUMNI/AE, FACULTY, FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE AND HAMILTON COMMUNITY MEMBERS. NEVERTHELESS, *THE SPECTATOR* HAS THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR SUBMISSION:**

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication. Submissions can be sent by email to spec@hamilton.edu or to the individual I&I editor (crochfor@hamilton.edu). The editors reserve the right to refuse any late submissions.
2. Letters should be no longer than 650 words.
3. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.
4. *The Spectator* will not edit letters for misspelling, poor grammar or diction.
5. *The Spectator* reserves the right not to publish any letter it deems inappropriate for publication.
6. If a piece is determined to be libelous, an unwarranted invasion of privacy, or an unnecessary and/or unwarranted ad hominem or personal attack, it will not be published.

Hamilton students celebrate Thanksgiving in a cornucopia of ways

by Megan Kase '09
FEATURES WRITER

A day commemorating an important moment in American history, Thanksgiving is one of the most anticipated holidays, a sentiment surely not lacking in Hamilton students. For Hamilton students, Thanksgiving does not just mean massive buffets of delicious turkey dinners, watching Santa Claus announce the holiday season on the Macy's parade, or the marathon of football games. For many students, Thanksgiving gives the opportunity to embark home after too many weeks spent writing papers, presentations and studying.

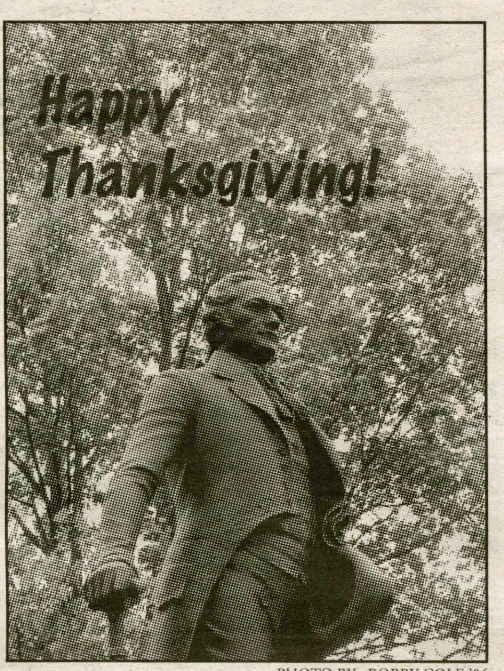


PHOTO BY: BOBBY COLE '06
Happy Thanksgiving from Al Ham.

A holiday surrounded by food, Thanksgiving enables students to celebrate the fine cuisine of their family traditions, something that Hamilton's dining halls cannot exactly provide. Thanksgiving food not only is satisfying to the stomach, but also to the spirit. Some students really enjoy the traditional aspects of the meal. "I enjoy Thanksgiving because it is such a classic holiday filled with all the essentials of a fine meal from the mashed potatoes to the pumpkin pie," said Kate Marek '09. Thanksgiving, a holiday unique to America, to some represents particular American values. "What I really love about the meal is how it represents America from the excess to the success," said Rachel Cannon '09. For others, the meal can manifest a celebration of families' cultural backgrounds. Jerushah Ismail '09 stated, "I am part Asian so my family prepares both Asian and turkey for the holiday. In a way, it is a reminder for me to be grateful for my own unique heritage." Especially for students from a great geographical distance, Thanksgiving cuisine can have a special regional flair. Rebecca French '09 of Houston, Texas, said, "In my house, we celebrate Turkey Day with Southern Deep Fried Turkey, a Texas favorite."

Besides celebrating food, Thanksgiving enables students to show gratitude to their families, which they demonstrate from quirky family traditions to special reunions. "Every year after we finish dinner, my family plays poker all night long. It makes for a really incredible bonding experience being in that sort of competitive dynamic," stated Gretchen Gardner '09. Some students also look forward to reuniting with family members. "I am really looking forward to this year's Thanksgiving because my sister moves back home," said Caitlin Flynn '08. Since there is so much emphasis on family, students often travel far and wide to visit relatives. "I am going to visit my grandparents. My dad's side of the family gets together and my grandmother and aunt make dinner and then the kids clear the table," said David Pasternak '08. Thanksgiving, the beginning of the massive wave of holidays, is special to some because it means more family time. "Thanksgiving means that Christmas and New Years is coming soon, which means I will be spending a lot more time with family that I do not see very often," stated Chloe Major '09.

COURTESY OF WWW.CS.COLUMBIA.EDU
The traditional Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

Not everyone, due to prior commitments, distance or other interests, is able to return home for the holidays and are forced to create their own Thanksgiving tradition. Many athletes who play winter sports opt to stay on campus due to tight practice schedules. Katie Mulligan '09 said, "I am staying on campus for the break because of hockey practices. I am a little bummed, but I am Canadian so I don't really know what I am missing out on." Distance is another reason that prevents students from returning home. "It is too much of an effort to get home to New Mexico so I am spending Thanksgiving here," said Nick Woodall '07. For international students, Thanksgiving is often a new concept and making the long arduous journey home is not quite worth the effort. Maki Maeyama '09 of Paraguay stated, "I am going to a friend's house in Vermont. I am excited to celebrate my first Thanksgiving." Mariana Vinacur of Argentina is also not returning to her home country; instead she has chosen to travel to Florida. "We do not have anything like Thanksgiving in Argentina. I think it is a good idea to have a day to give thanks. I cannot wait to celebrate it," stated Vinacur '09.

Maybe it is because of the delicious dishes, bonds with family and friends, or break from classes. Whatever the case may be, Hamilton students certainly welcome the holiday. Dillon Prime '07 provided an accurate summary of the occasion, "Thanksgiving is the best holiday. There are no gifts and you eat and drink all you want with your family and friends. It is turkey-tastic!"

Beyond Keystone: The Pub

By Jesse Gaylord '06
and Jeff Dixon '06
FEATURES WRITERS

With the due dates for our theses and the bottom of our bank accounts nearing, we decided to try something new this week. So, we left our regular beer tasting aside and decided to write an article in praise of our favorite on-campus establishment: The Little Pub. The Little Pub was built in 1996 through a gift from Jeff Little '71 on the occasion of his 25th reunion. It's actually a remodeled barn that was part of the Farmhouse property. The building's legacy as a barn is evident in its exposed beam work and natural wood finishes. The ambience is definitely Adirondack and well suited to Hamilton's geographic setting. Unlike many bars that are just there to serve a drink, the attention to detail in the Pub's decoration and execution creates an experience distinctly Hamilton.

Since the Pub puts out such a warm vibe, it is a great social center for the campus. Whether you're looking for a place to kick back with friends or a comfortable place to meet a professor for office hours, the Pub is the perfect venue. The Pub establishes itself as a social hub by providing a place for Friday afternoon Happy Hour, Senior Hard Alcohol Night and a Tuesday Booze-Day locale. Whether or not you're 21 the Pub has something to offer you. It's a great place to shoot pool any night of the week and also provides a stage for on and off-campus bands to perform. It's the fusion of students and professors, boozin' with old-fashion fun and carvings on the stall door with old leather snowshoes on the wall that makes the Pub Hamilton's premier social setting. Oh, and did we mention that this place has a phenomenal selection of brews?

Since the Pub offers such a comprehensive selection of brews, we're going to break from our tradition of in depth beer analyses. Our plan is to taste each of the Pub's ten beers on tap and write a blurb on each. We hope you appreciate the breadth of brews available at the Pub. We certainly try to…5+ nights a week.

Blue Moon Belgian White- the brew hits you with a citrus blast. This is an extremely light beer in appearance and taste. Drinkability is A+. Great beer to sip during HEAG meetings.

Guiness Draught- the Pub serves the legend! Can I get a knife and fork with that pint? This beer is so malty you'd swear you're drinking Yoohoo. Highly drinkable and a good substitute for dinner. Order this beer if you *think* you're a connoisseur, but move onto the Ubu if you really are.

Lake Placid Ubu Ale- for our full review of this beer check out our Lake Placid tasting. This beer can't be done justice in a few sentences. The perfect blend of hops and malts. The color lets you know you're doing something right. This is a good beer to hang out with or when you're in the mood for a trip to Black Out City. 7% alcohol by volume…don't mess with Ubu!

Bass Ale- This is a good beer but not great. It shone a little brighter in our eyes before the new batch of beers hit the Pub. Its sweet aroma is quizzical, yet upon laying lip we realized it's just lacking

*see **Beyond Keystone**, page 12*

Student Assembly Minutes from November 14

Minutes curtosy of Evelyn Shapiro '06, SA Secretary

- Berenecea Johnson, Associate Dean of Students for Diversity and Accessibility, visited the meeting and told us a little about her duties and goals for this year.
- Nomination for Chip Smith '08 and Sarah Patterson '08 as chairs of next semester's Adler Conference passed
- Discussed whether or not to reaffirm the Honor Code
- The Constitution referendum will be publicized this week and voting will be on Sunday, November 20
- Student Assembly has funded 500 t-shirts and 25 hats for the Orange Bowl on November 18. Everyone should attend!
- Reminder: the Syracuse mall trip is this Saturday!

Student Assembly meetings are on Mondays at 9 p.m. in ELS. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Midnight Madness: student performances kick off basketball season

by Emily Maltby '06
FEATURES WRITER

Last Saturday night, the Cheerleading Squad, Heat and the Dance Team took to the basketball court to kick off the season in an introductory spectacle, which also included the debut of Al Ham the Enthusiascot. The three teams, who have never before performed at the same event, each executed a separate performance exemplifying their styles and routines.

Lindsay Rubenstein '07 and Amanda Von Schmid '08 are co-captains of the Cheerleading Team this year, which is directed by coach and advisor Gemma Cowling of Residential Life. Although this is only their second year, the 10 members of the team have enough routines to cheer a full game and do a halftime show without any repeated acts. The team practices twice a week for two hours. Their routines are arranged by the captains and Cowling, who was a gymnast in college.

The cheerleaders' performance at Midnight Madness on Saturday was a hit for the crowd that cheered along. "This year we put a lot more work into our performance," says Rubenstein. "Also, since this is our second year, all returning members have experience, which makes the team stronger." The captains also explained that this season will open more doors for the team now that it has become a staple at the football and basketball events. "We support the players but our halftime show is a way to display our athletic skills," explains Von Schmid. In fact, the team hopes to go to a regional cheerleading competition this year.

The Dance Team, composed of thirteen girls, performed three dances at Midnight Madness that had the audience shouting. Maddy Leder '08 and Jess Djilani '06 are the captains and choreographers this year. The team practices three times a week for at least two hours and uses the Hamilton basketball games as their primary performance events. Dancers work with the basketball schedule, which often means shortening vacations to return for practice and performances.

The team is unique in its repertoire, which consists mainly of jazzy numbers. "We are much different from the cheerleaders even though we both appear at the games," explains Leder. "We bring spectators to the games who might not be incredibly enthusiastic about sports but like to see dance. It works the other way around, too, in that basketball enthusiasts often find they become interested in dance. The games therefore bring together spectators with a variety of interests."

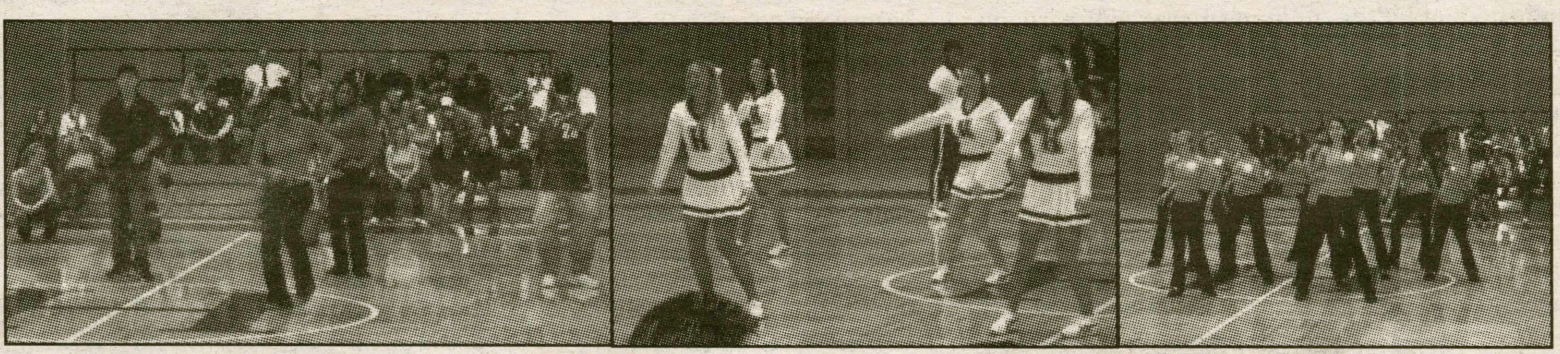
The most recently-established dance team, Heat, comprised of 18 members, also performed at Midnight Madness. "Heat is a really upbeat group and it got the crowd rowdy," says Heat member Jess Macken '07. Ashley Jackson '08, founded the team in August and, with co-captain Manny Hernandez, '08, has led the team in various performances this year, including the BSU fashion show and the Clinton Fall Fest.

Although it is a young organization, Heat has proven to be very promising. "As more people hear about it, more people want to join," says Hernandez. "A lot of students just want a place to dance without the pressure of being professional. Heat offers that to the campus."

Jackson adds, "Stylistically, Heat is very different. Hip hop is something you feel; we move according to how the music makes us feel. And above all, we just want to have a good time." Heat already has six finalized numbers and an invitation to Utica College's talent show this Saturday. Although Jackson and Hernandez choreograph the numbers and teach the steps at the weekly, three-hour practices, all the members can add to and manipulate ideas to express themselves.

Heat, unlike the Dance Team and Cheerleading Team, will not be returning to the men's basketball games. Heat plans to draw audiences through invitational performances and on-campus events, such as a potential show with Rainbow Alliance. There is a chance that the team will perform at the women's basketball games in

*see **Basketball,** page 13*



PHOTOS BY: JOHN PAPPANO '06

Students had the opportunity to watch the basketball team show off their skills while viewing performances from Heat, the Hamilton Cheerleaders and the Dance Team.

Class of 2008 Thanksgiving Dinner encourages unity

by Whitney Kimmel '08
FEATURES EDITOR

Keeping with tradition, the Student Assembly Representatives for the Class of 2008 hosted a semi-formal Thanksgiving Dinner in the Annex on Tuesday, November 15. Sophomores enjoyed their turkey dinner while mingling and watching a slide show of photos submitted by members of the class. According to Katie Childs '08, Class Secretary-Treasurer and one of the key organizers for the event, "we started planning a couple weeks ago, although we've known about this since the beginning of the year since it's become an annual event." The dinner lasted roughly an hour and a half, with over 100 students in attendance.

The event cost around $1,500 with an expected turnout of 200 people based on last year's statistics. Although fewer students were able to attend, the Representatives feel the event was still a success and gave students an opportunity to bond with one another outside of class during one of the busiest times of the year. When asked how much planning goes into an event like this, Class President Ryan Morris '08 said, "every meeting we discuss different projects we're working on and spend the necessary time planning them, but we all enjoy working for the class. Anything that brings us all together as a cohesive unit is its own reward."

The Class of 2008 Student Assembly members "focus on a lot of different events so that everyone can attend something that appeals to them," said Childs. She continued saying, "Last year we wanted to have a class dinner and the November date was open so we decided to go with a Thanksgiving theme. Since it was so popular, we want to make it a tradition for the class." The Class of 2008 has sponsored events in the past such as ice-skating parties, Bundy brunches and a Mardi Gras dinner last semester. Morris expressed his satisfaction with the unity this class has and the number of events they have hosted: "None of the other classes have made such a strong effort to unite the class in a social environment. Coming up after break we are looking forward to more nice events which we will unveil as they get closer."

Representatives feel that the events are a great way for this class as well as other students to bond and get to know each other in a different social setting. Childs says, "events like these are really important for building class unity because you are meeting different people, but you are also creating Hamilton memories at these functions. When Senior Week comes along students who have attended these events will be able to look back and remember all the great times we've done things together as a class."

Student Assembly members encourage students to attend these class events and plan on finding new ways to incorporate students into class-related events. Morris stated, "we want to let the class know that we are always open to suggestions for other events throughout the remainder of the year and next year. Feel free to talk to any one of the Representatives about ideas and we will be more than happy to consider them!" Similarly, Childs anticipates that "next year we'll have to account for the fact that about forty percent of our class will be studying abroad. We'll have to scale down our class dinners and most likely hold them in the pub to make up for this, etc. but there will still be events." She mentioned the idea of sending out class updates via e-mail or maintaining a website where students could post pictures and information about their semester abroad.

The Class of 2008 works diligently to bring its members together and hopes that their events will encourage other classes to do the same. Class events contribute to a positive campus climate and encourage students to truly engage in their college experience.

Write for *The Spectator!*

This is your chance.

Send questions and ideas for the Features section to Whitney Kimmel at wkimmel@hamilton.edu

We want ***YOU*** to write.

Hamilton History: Aaron Burr

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

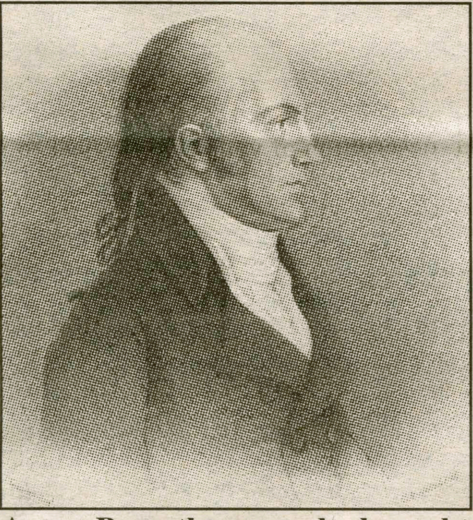
Aaron Burr, while not a graduate of Hamilton, remains a very important part of history for having the unfortunate honor of killing our namesake, Alexander Hamilton. Though our country has much to owe to this important politician, including his tenure as the third vice-president of the U.S., he will forever stay engrained in our memory as the victor in that fateful duel.

Born on February 7, 1756, in Newark, New Jersey, Burr's father held the position as the second president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University). He began studying theology, but abandoned it to serve in the Revolutionary War. At one point, Major Burr saved an entire brigade from enemy capture, an officer of which was, ironically, Alexander Hamilton. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1777, but retired from the army in 1779, whereupon he was able to finish his studies. In 1782, he was admitted to the bar in Albany and began practicing in New York City after the British left the following year.

While in New York, Burr's main rival for dominance of the bar was Alexander Hamilton. In 1789, Governor of New York George Clinton named Burr the Attorney General of New York, and in 1791, Burr successfully ran for a seat in the U.S. Senate, where he remained until 1797. The opponent he beat in that Senate race, General Philip Schuyler, happened to be the father-in-law of none other than Alexander Hamilton. This is thought to be the beginning of their long-standing quarrel. In 1798, Burr entered the New York State Legislature, serving there until 1801. During this time, he also converted the Tammany Society (later Tammany Hall) from a mere social club into a major political machine, thereby firmly establishing himself as a powerful figure in politics.

In 1800, Burr was placed on the Democratic-Republican ticket alongside Thomas Jefferson in the presidential election. Though it was intended that Jefferson be President and Burr be Vice-President, they actually tied the vote with 73 each. The decision went to the House of Representatives, which eventually decided upon Jefferson. However, the conflict caused Burr to remain an outsider in the administration.

In 1804, Hamilton made offensive comments about Burr, prompting the latter to challenge Hamilton to that fateful duel. On July 11, Burr won the duel by shooting and fatally wounding Hamilton, who died the following day. Burr was later charged for murder in New York and New Jersey, but was never tried for either.



Aaron Burr, the man who brought down Alexander Hamilton.

Burr finished up his term as vice-president, and in the following years, allegedly headed up his infamous conspiracy. In 1807, he was tried for treason and acquitted. He fled to Europe where he lived until returning to New York in 1812. Burr worked as an attorney until his death on Staten Island on September 14, 1836.

Though not the most moral of people, Burr was an important part of our nation's history, and even more important part of our college's namesake's history.

Editor's Note:

For more information about the significance and history of Aaron Burr's realtionship with Alexander Hamilton please visit Burke Library.

Professor Profile: Christina Swain, Spanish

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

Get to know a language professor! Assistant Professor of Spanish Christine Swain is a wonderfully kind and dedicated teacher at Hamilton College. Before teaching at Hamilton, she taught at Wake Forest University and was the director of the study abroad program in Salamanca, Spain. Her Spanish-speaking background and excellent credentials were certain factors in her placement at Hamilton. Swain earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Middlebury College, a master's degree at Cornell University, and then a Ph.D. in romance linguistics also from Cornell. You can visit her in her office, located in the Christian Johnson building, and you should definitely take one of her classes, not just to become an enthusiastic master of the Spanish language (though it is encouraged) but also to score one of her amazing home-baked cookies... or two. She teaches Spanish 120, as well as linguistics and advanced language courses, and her passion for Spanish and teaching is quite obvious. Thus *The Spectator* decided to inquire into what drives her, as well as learn more about her background and likeable personality. Professor Swain generously took the time to engage in some Q&A.

Q: How long have you been at Hamilton?
A: This is my 4th year.

Q: Which course do you look forward to the most?
A: I look forward to whichever new course I've just designed.

Q: What is the best aspect of your job?
A: Talking with students and teaching material I'm interested in.

Q: Worst part of your day?
A: Sitting down to grade a pile of compositions that are due back the next day and I should have started on earlier.

Assistant Professor of Spanish, Christine Swain.

Q: Most embarrassing moment as a Hamilton professor?
A: Spilling beans and salsa all over my shirt at lunch and not having time to go home and change.

Q: When you're not busy grading papers and preparing for class, what do you enjoy doing in your free time? Any hobbies?
A: Watching movies and TV, and reading books.

Q: Best Spanish and/or Mexican restaurant to go to around here?
A: There's a new Mexican place in Utica called El Paso near the Uptown Theater.

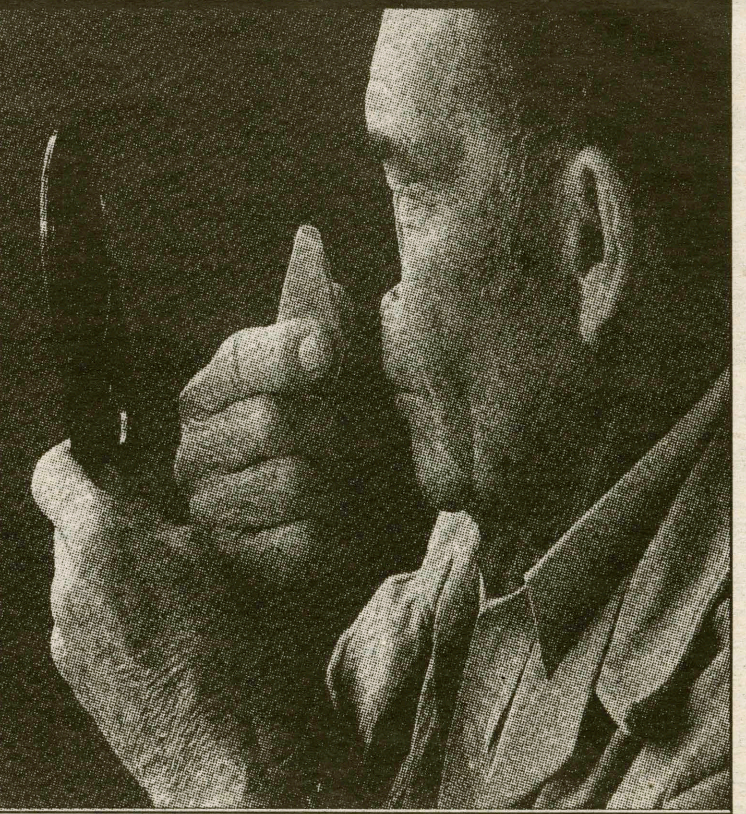
Q: What do you order there?
A: All beef taquitos.

Q: Last time you were in a Spanish-speaking country?
A: I was in Monterrey, Mexico, for a conference in October, and before that I visited my parents in Lima, Peru, for Christmas of 2002.

Q: Last but not least, can you tell me why you love Spanish so much, and why students should study it?
A: I grew up speaking Spanish, so I've learned how to express myself well in two languages. I love how you express the same emotions and feelings in a different way and with different words in two languages. So much of the culture and way of thinking is manifested in the language. No one should live without experiencing a different way of expressing oneself. Besides, I love grammar.

SKIN CANCER CAN KILL YOU. AND NOW FOR THE REALLY BAD NEWS.

Skin cancer can kill you. But it's much more likely to disfigure you. Every year, thousands of Americans lose chunks of their skin to the disease. Noses. Ears. Eyebrows. So examine your skin regularly for warning signs. If you find anything bleeding, crusting or not healing, see your dermatologist. For more information on how to identify skin cancer, call 1-888-462-DERM, or visit www.aad.org.



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

Midnight Madness continued

from Basketball, page 11

the future. "I think most people are impressed by how we look," said Jackson, "You have not seen the best of Heat. We can be more, but we haven't had the time since we are so new. Just wait."

Midnight Madness also introduced another crowd-pleaser: the Enthusiascot, Al Ham the Pig. Recently, Courtney McBride '06 proposed the idea of an Enthusiascot (in place of a mascot) to symbolize Hamilton at sports events. She hopes that Al Ham the Pig will start a long tradition of bringing a mascot to the Hamilton campus, and she anticipates that it will evolve several times before becoming a soldier character, in accordance with the traditional 'Continental.' The problem at this point is funding for the mascot. Whereas the Enthusiascot cost only $1,000 and support from Student Assembly, an official mascot would cost much more and would need approval and backing from the president, vice president, alumni, admissions, the dean's office, and the trustees. In the meantime, Al Ham (whose student identity is presently confidential) will be making appearances at upcoming sports events.

PHOTO BY: JOHN PAPPANO '06

Midnight Madness introduced basketball players and gave them a chance to show off their skills.

Beyond Keystone, continued

from Beyond Keystone, page 10

something. Good brew but it can't hang with the big dogs. We recommend that you try it if you never have, but we don't expect it to become your regular. This is the pink lemonade of ales.

Labatt Blue Light- Well, not everything the Pub has on tap is good, although Blue Light isn't that bad. It's not like its offensive like Utica Club, but then again, most people don't find water offensive. This beer gets the job done with minimal damage to your wallet. Gaylord loves Labatt. Dixon says, keep it in Canada.

Coors Light- Here's to tapping the Rockies...Who knew the Love Canal ran through Colorado? My old man loves Coors Light, but I'm not sure I can love my old man anymore. There is nothing to this beer other than the fact that it's sparingly laced with alcohol. If you're going to drink this at the Pub, you're better off packin' in 'Stones in a backpack. Here's to you Bossange.

Magic Hat #9- This is the flagship of the Magic Hat fleet. Its strong Apricot aroma sets the precedent for a beer out of ordinary. And Magic Hat can sure brew an unusual beer. If you like this brew, check out their other offerings at Nice 'N Easy or Kraig's Kegs. This beer is infectious. If you like it, you love it. Drink Magic Hat!

Yuengling Lager- This brew is a dancer. Its stately copper tone will entertain your eyes, the blurrier the better. The flavor is subtle which makes it a logical step from a Coors Light. The beer's a bargain at $1.75. Asking anything more would be a crime.

Jack's Pumpkin Spice- This beer gave Dixon a full body quiver, straight down the back. Gaylord was sick beyond offense. Good idea for a seasonal brew, but it misses its mark. This beer is straight up cloves and nutmeg. Next time, put some pumpkin in the Pumpkin Spice. Gaylord says, drink this beer if you want to get in the holiday spirit. Dixon says, drink this beer if you're a masochist.

Blue Point Blueberry Ale- This is a no-joke blueberry ale from aroma to finish. It's kind of like drinking blueberry pie. The Blue Point is not your standard beer, but that's not to say it's bad. This brew is probably best enjoyed when the sun is shining and the water is warm. Try it if you're looking for something different, but we hesitate to recommend it as a beer to enjoy throughout the night.

The Pub has the best selection of beers in town. Although the VT has its perks, it's not exactly serving Ubu. Chad, the Pub's Manager, does a great job of honoring student requests. The result is a great selection of brews to suite any student's pallet. Throw in free popcorn, soda and a great jukebox, and you have the perfect campus hangout. So raise a pint to a new Hamilton tradition and to Jeff Little for making it happen.

You know the drill. Friends don't let friends pass 'Stones. Live by it.

IMPORTANT BEYOND KEYSTONE INFORMATION

Beyond Keystone is looking for guest tasters! If you love beer and have the vocabulary to articulate your passion, we want you to taste with us. Our experiences with guest tasters have been great so far, and we're looking to continue the momentum. Students, faculty and staff are welcome. If you're interested, please e-mail a *Beyond Keystone*-esque description of your favorite beer to jdixon and jgaylord. If we think you have what it takes, you're in. We're looking forward to meeting new tasting partners.

- Jeff and Jesse

Weekly Events: Where you want to be!

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Registration for Spring 2006 Courses	Registration for Spring 2006 Courses	Registration for Spring 2006 courses	Registration for Spring 2006 Courses	Registration for Spring 2006 Courses		
Think Tank with Professor Oakes (12:00-1:00)	Mock Trial Team (9:00)	Newman Mass (1:00-2:00)	Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30)	Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30)		
Mock Trial Team (3:00)	M./W. Swimming and Diving v. Ithaca (12:00)	Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Celebration (5:00-7:00)	President Stewart's Open Hour (1:30-2:30)			
M. Basketball v. Mesiah (7:00)	Senior Project Music Recitals (7:00-8:00)		HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)	THANKSGIVING RECESS BEGINS	THANKSGIVING RECESS	THANKSGIVING RECESS
Orange Bowl M. Hockey v. Trinity (7:00)	Theater Production: "As You Like It" (2:00-4:00)		VOX Meeting (9:00-10:00)			
			HEAG Meeting (9:15-10:00)			
Film on Movie Channel: "Million $ Baby"	Film on Movie Channel: "Million $ Baby"	Film on Movie Channel: "Million $ Baby"				

Advertisements

PIZZA PLACE

Hamilton College and Clinton's favorite pizza, featuring Hand-tossed New York Style Thin Crust

Home of the SUPER SLICE and SUPER PIE!

WE DELIVER OPEN TILL CLOSE!!!

Located behind the Nice-N-Easy on Taylor Avenue

853-2100

853-2110

SPECIALS!!!

Small Pizza and 20 Wings $13.25
Large Pizza and 20 Wings $17.95
Large Pizza and 50 Wings $22.50
Super Pie and 50 Wings $30.95

Monday - Small, cold subs - 3 for $10
Tuesday - Large Cheese Pizza $8.50

All specials plus tax and delivery

Sentences of the Week
a.k.a. "Sentences I hope never to see in my papers"

"God exists because Aquinas was right."

"Fashions come and go faster than they did back in eighteenth-century Europe."

Brought to you by your friends at the Writing Center.
Call x4363 today for an appointment.

Movieplex 9 ONEIDA
WWW.HOLLYWOOD.COM
RTE.5 & 46 GLENWOOD SHOPPING PLAZA
24 HRS MOVIE INFO 363-6422

STADIUM SEATING ON 2 SCREENS DTS PG-13
Harry Potter AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE
●12:00●1:00●3:15▲4:15-6:30-7:30-9:45

JOAQUIN PHOENIX & REESE WITHERSPOON
WALK THE LINE
●1:20▲4:05-6:50-9:35 DTS PG-13

FILMED IN UTICA
COME AWAY WITH ME
●1:00●3:00▲5:00-7:00-9:00

DISNEY'S CHICKEN LITTLE #1 MOVIE
●12:45●2:45▲4:45-6:45-8:45 DTS G

ZATHURA
●12:05●2:15▲4:25-6:40-8:55 PG

JARHEAD JAKE GYLLENHAAL
●1:50▲4:20-7:05-9:30 R

DERAILED JENNIFER ANISTON CLIVE OWEN R
●12:10●2:25▲4:50-7:10-9:25

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' 50 CENT
●12:15●2:35▲4:55-7:20-9:50 R

▲TWILITES NITELY●$4.50 MATINEES FRI-SAT-SUN-WED-THU
ADMISSION W/COLLEGE ID $5.50

SPRING BREAK '06
Don't Get Left Out!

Now Hiring Reps:
Organize a Small Group & Travel Free!

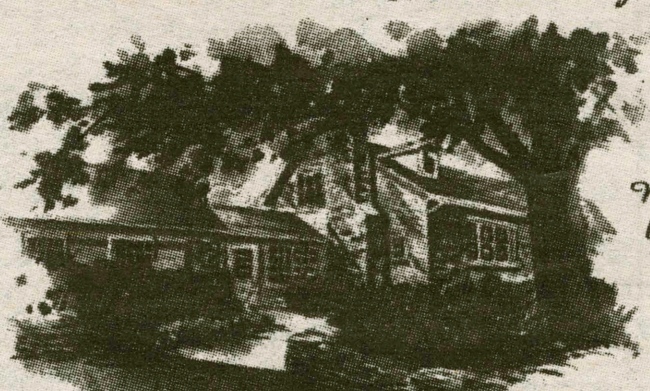
Sun Splash Tours

Book Early:
*Save Big $$$ *Free Meals
*Free Parties *Great Flights

Acapulco, Bahamas, Barbados, Cancun, Florida, Europe, Jamaica, South Padre & More!!

www.sunsplashtours.com
1.800.426.7710

Amidst The Hedges
An Elegant Country Bed & Breakfast
Clinton, New York



Just a short stroll from both the quaint Village Green and Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. The Hedges offers three luxurious suites, each with a private bath, and richly decorated in period antiques, oriental rugs and original works of art.

For Reservations or More Information
The Hedges • 180 Sanford Avenue • Clinton, NY 13323
800-883-5883 (toll-free) or 315-853-3031 (local)
315-736-7725 (fax)
info@hedgesbb.com
www.hedgesbb.com

Advertisements

To All Hamilton College Students:

Want to be a part of Student Assembly?

Student Assembly election for the President/Vice-President is coming up soon. So this is your opportunity to get involved!

The following positions are open!

- President of Student Assembly The president of the Student Assembly is chief administrative officer of the Student Assembly of Hamilton College. The president's responsibilities are in the SA constitution located on our web-site. http://students.hamilton.edu/assembly/art3.php
- Vice-President of Student Assembly The vice president assumes all the responsibilities of the president in his/her absence.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **Seventy-five (75) student signatures are required to complete a nomination for Student Assembly President and Vice president.**
- **A platform of no more than 200 words.**
- **Also all candidates who wish to formally run for office of Student Assembly President must attend and have their attendance recorded at eight (8) full meetings of the Central Council. This requirement must be completed prior to his or her submission of a signature petition and platform in order to be formally allowed to run for Student Assembly President. However, the Vice Presidential candidate does not need to fulfill this requirement.**

All candidates running for office MUST attend a briefing session held by the Elections Committee on

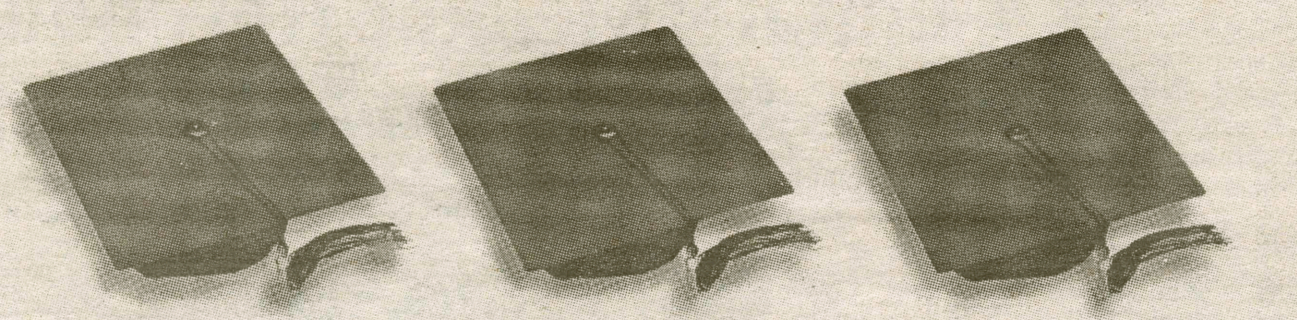
FRIDAY, November 28TH 2005 at 4:00 PM in ELS

Signature Sheets are available in the Student Assembly Office at the Bristol Center

All requirements must be fulfilled by November 21st 1 2005

- Send your platform via email to election@hamilton.edu
- Submit your signatures to Emanuel Rosario via campus mail

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS.



At Quinnipiac University School of Law, you'll find everything you need to succeed. From a challenging yet supportive academic environment to faculty members who will become intellectual colleagues. From live-client clinics to real-world externships. Plus annual merit scholarships ranging from $3,000 to full tuition. For more information, visit **http://law.quinnipiac.edu or call 1-800-462-1944.**

- Outstanding faculty
- Rigorous academic programs
- Six concentrations
- Extensive experiential learning opportunities
- Student faculty ratio 15:1

CRIMINAL | DISPUTE RESOLUTION | FAMILY | HEALTH | INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY | TAX

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW
Hamden, Connecticut

Arts & Entertainment

Hamilton's F.I.L.M. Series presents "Animal Attraction"

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Filmmaker Kathy High came to Hamilton on Sunday to present her documentary film, "Animal Attraction." The film revolves around High's cat Ernie, whose behavior problems prompted her to call renowned animal communicator, Dawn Hayman. Hayman is able to form a connection with an animal over the phone, and she can then talk to the animal and try to fix the problem.

Hayman resides at Spring

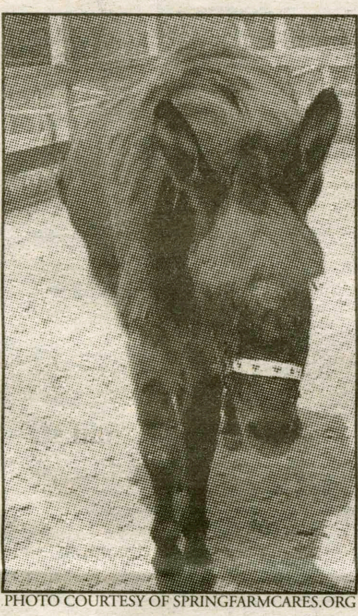


PHOTO COURTESY OF SPRINGFARMCARES.ORG
Amber D at Spring Farm

Farm, which is located less than 10 minutes from the Hill in Clinton. Along with Bonnie Jones Reynolds, Hayman started the non-profit organization Spring Farm CARES to help animals in need. The farm, run by a staff of only about 25, uses a series of alternative techniques to create a wonderful environment for any animal or human.

"Animal Attraction" is more of a personal film for High than a promotion for the farm, but you can't help but want to know more about Spring Farm and its message after watching the remarkable way that Hayman communicates with animals. The film focuses on Ernie, who is a self-proclaimed stubborn and mischievous cat. When Hayman talks to him, she realizes that Ernie acts out because he is bored and that he needs a job around the house. He rejects her suggestions and decides that what he really wants is to help High make her movie. His name appears in the credits at the end.

The film depicts the amusement of daily life on the farm: interactions between the sheep and the proud llamas; Hayman's lesson from a barn cat about the proper way to hunt mice; a horse's explanation of an underground train and a cat's interpretation of why dogs are so stupid, among other things.

Because Hayman and Reynolds treat animal communication as if it is the most normal thing in the world, it becomes the most normal thing in the world. Even the most critical skeptic would have trouble doubting that animal communication exists after watching "Animal Attraction."

The animals are depicted as beings with souls and personalities whose lives are as meaningful as any human's life. Any animal who is taken in to live at Spring Farm is guaranteed a home for life. Some of the animals choose to stay at Spring Farm, and those who are adopted will only go with someone of their own choosing. That's right—at Spring Farm the animals choose you.

Hayman, Reynolds and two other women from Spring Farm were present at the screening to answer questions after the film. For a professional animal psychic, Hayman appeared strikingly normal. High answered questions about the film, and Hayman answered questions about the animals. Animal communication—which implies a universal language of telepathy—presents some rather philosophical ideas. We probably shouldn't smash bugs if we can talk to them; and if beached whales are there on purpose as a form of protest (Hayman says whales have a mission to save the world) maybe we should find out what they have to say.

If you're interested in learning more about Spring Farm CARES,

PHOTO COURTESY OF SPRINGFARMCARES.ORG
Hayman and Bradley the cat.

the website (springfarmcares.org) is fantastic. "Animal Attraction" is available to purchase from the website, and you can schedule tours at the farm. Also, Reynolds and Hayman recently published "If Only They Could Talk; The Miracles of Spring Farm," a novel that tells the story of the farm's foundation.

The quote from Gulliver the llama, at the top of the website, sums up the message of the farm and the documentary: "If I see a person with an open mind, I will help them open their heart. It is the reason I came here to this farm."

Badass Asian Movie Review: "The Killer"

By Noah Wright '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Greetings, all. It is with great reluctance that I announce an end to my Asian Movie Review column. While I do adore films of the Asian persuasion, I have felt a recent need to branch out into new territory, territory formerly occupied by Tim Mudie '05: the Badass Movie Review. Hopefully I will do justice to this man's noble legacy. Anyway, as a transitional piece, my last Asian Movie Review column for the time being will be a badass one.

Can you say orgy of death? Because I can say John Woo's "The Killer." You know John Woo—he's the guy who directed "Face/Off" and "Mission Impossible 2," but before these films he directed unspeakably badass Hong Kong gunfight movies, the greatest of which is most definitely "The Killer." I say without hesitation that, even in light of the scores of people dying violently, this is a genuinely good movie.

"The Killer" begins with the main character (a hired killer, duh), played by Chow yun Fat, walking into a nightclub and killing a bunch of thugs, no sweat. However, an unfortunate girl working at the nightclub gets caught in the crossfire and is saved at the last minute by the killer taking a few bullets for her. He's badass, so a few bullets are no big deal, but the girl accidentally gets her eyesight damaged in the firefight. Does the Killer just leave the girl behind and go off on his way? Of course not! He's not that kind of badass, he's a caring, compassionate badass killer, and he vows to take care

PHOTO COURTESY OF VERSAILLES.FR
"The Killer," a movie for people who like killing.

of her until he can pay for her eye-surgery.

Meanwhile, a detective from the police force has been hired to search for the Killer, but as soon as he finds the Killer he finds himself fighting on the Killer's side against a ruthless mob boss, the Killer's former employer.

Replete with all the staples of the badass genre, sweet fight scenes, none of that love-story crap, a boatload of guns and homoerotic undertones, "The Killer" truly stands out in that it also provides good, well-defined characters and plot. And a massive body-count.

Clinton's Melodic Revolution opens Revolution Art Gallery

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Melodic Revolution, an independent music store in Clinton that specializes in CDs and DVDs, recently opened its own gallery.

Revolution Gallery, which opened a little over one month ago on October 8th held its November Artist Exhibit Reception a few weekends ago. Since its opening last month the gallery has been open seven days a week.

The exhibit on Friday hosted a turnout of more than 40 people. If you missed the show, the art will still be on display through the rest of November. Anyone may visit the gallery, which is located on 34 College Street in Clinton,

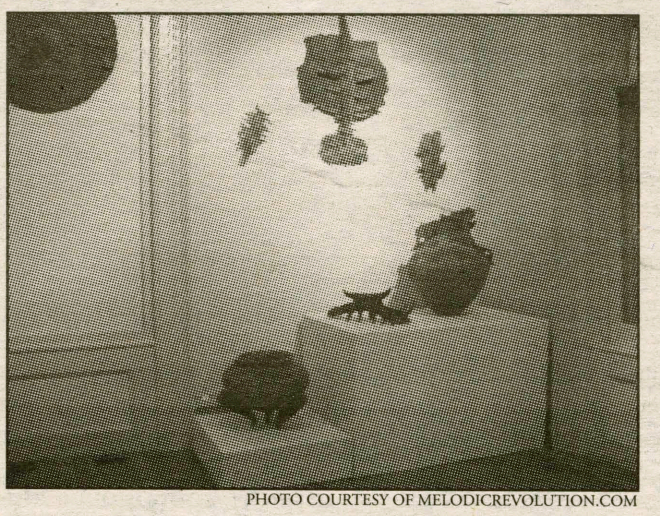
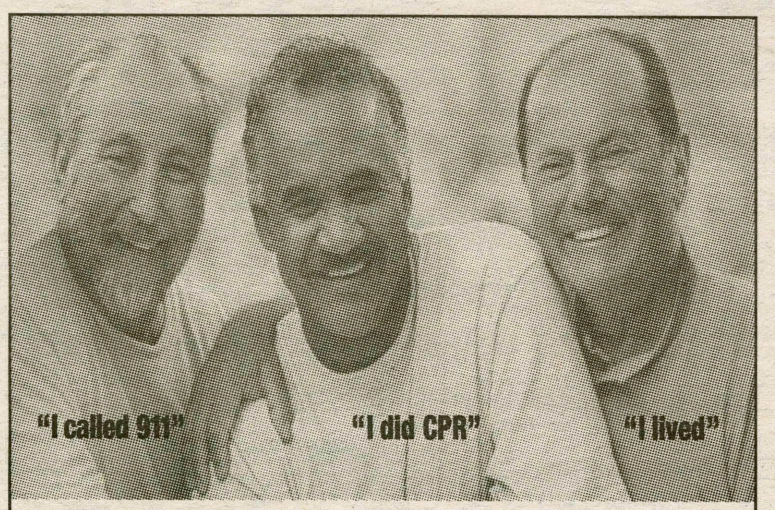


PHOTO COURTESY OF MELODICREVOLUTION.COM
A view of the art exhibit at Revolution Gallery.

to look at or purchase the art. Or, if the drive all the way down the hill is too intimidating, you can enjoy some of the art on the website at www.melodicrevolution.com/gallery.

Recently, Revolution Gallery was host to songwriter/storyteller Mike Williamson. The free two-hour show proved to be a huge success. Following that event, the gallery hosted another concert the following weekend. On Saturday, November 12th, at 6:00 p.m., Joe Sweet, jazz folk and soul musician, performed at the gallery. The show was free, and refreshments were provided.

If you are interested in learning more about this local gallery, contact owner Nick Katona at nick@melodicrevolution.com.



If someone near you collapses, loses consciousness and stops breathing, chances are their heart has stopped. Call 9-1-1 immediately and do CPR until help arrives. If you don't know CPR, learn. To find a CPR course near you, call the American Heart Association at 1-877-AHA-4CPR or visit us online at www.americanheart.org.

American Heart Association. Learn and Live.

This space provided as a public service. © 2000, American Heart Association

Violent Femmes are no wimps

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Violent Femmes was founded in the early '80s by singer and guitarist Gordon Gano, bassist Brian Ritchie, and percussionist Victor DeLorenzo. The band, originating from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, got its oxymoronic name from "femme," which was a local slang word for "wimp."

The band, whose music never became mainstream, was discovered by the Pretenders on the street. The band members of the Violent Femmes were known to be slightly disruptive, and they shared a dislike for practicing. It was for this reason that when they did practice, it was on the street (they liked the added bonus of sometimes receiving change for their music), and the Pretenders were so amused that they asked the band to open for them at a concert.

In 1983, the Violent Femmes released its self-titled debut album under the record label Slash. Songs like "Blister in the Sun" got the band its fan base of disaffected teenagers. The album also produced such hits as, "Add it Up" and "Kiss Off," which would bring it to platinum after nearly a decade, but never anything more than that.

The Violent Femmes produced their next album in 1984, called, "Hallowed Ground," which was influenced by Gano's religious views. 1986's "The Blind Leading the Naked" was produced by the Talking Heads and had a more mainstream sound. The album even produced a minor hit with a cover of the T-Rex song, "Children of the Revolution."

After the release of "The Blind Leading the Naked," the Violent Femmes broke up for a short time to pursue solo projects. In 1989, they got back together and produced "Why do Birds Sing?" which was consistent with the style and sound of their earlier work. This album contained another cover, this time of Culture Club's, "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?"

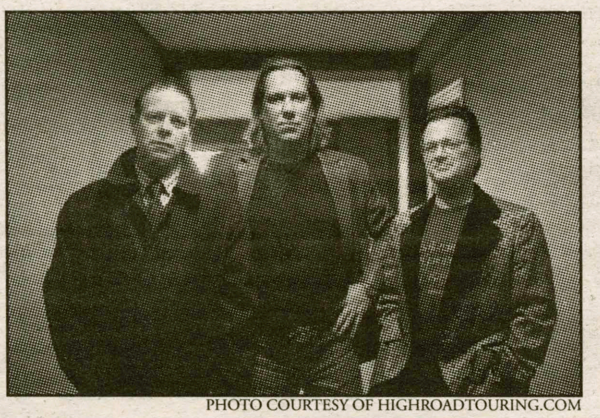


PHOTO COURTESY OF HIGHROADTOURING.COM
The three-man band, the Violent Femmes.

In 1983, the Violent Femmes produced a greatest hits compilation album called, "Add it Up." Although none of their albums were a huge success, the band became almost a rite of passage for angsty teenagers and managed to hold on to these teenagers as they grew up. After the release of this album, DeLorenzo left the band once again to follow his solo career. Drummer Guy Hoffman joined the band to replace DeLorenzo, and the Violent Femmes recorded, "New Time" for Elektra Records, immediately followed by, "Rock!!!!!" for Mushroom Records. "Rock!!!!!" was released only in Australia.

The band came out with, "Viva Wisconsin" and "Freak Magnet" before releasing an all MP-3 album on EMusic.com in 2001 and then another best of album in 2005. With its alternative sound and cult-like appeal, the Violent Femmes have survived the decades without much obvious commercial success.

Old movie review: "The Odd Couple"

By Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

We all have roommate issues (except for those of us who live in singles, and even then, there are stories), and one of the most common problems is something that can be found in the classic movie, "The Odd Couple." I'm sure that mostly everyone has heard of it, or at least knows the basic plot line: two people who are complete opposites forced to live together in an apartment.

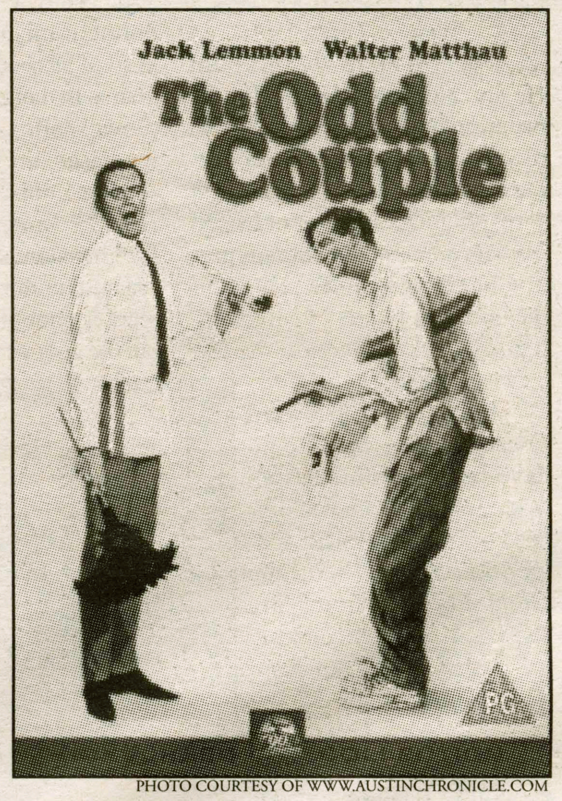


PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.AUSTINCHRONICLE.COM
Jack Lemmon and Walter Mathau star in the movie classic, "The Odd Couple."

Now, how does this compare to Hamilton? Well, no matter how hard the people in Residential Life try, there will always be some disagreement (personally, my roommate is great, and I hope that people in Reslife remember my name…) and people who don't get along in a 16' x 10' room tend to make things difficult. This difficulty is enhanced when one person is excessively neat, and the other is, frankly, a slob.

You know the turning point in the state of the room when you open the refrigerator and say, "It's either very new cheese or very old meat." This is also a quote from "The Odd Couple." It all begins with Felix Ungar (Jack Lemmon) wandering around New York City. His wife wants a divorce, and he is in such shock he leaves the house contemplating suicide. Luckily, his friend Oscar Madison (Walter Matthau) prevents him from doing so and convinces him to stay with him for a few days. Oscar is also going through a divorce and is very concerned about Felix.

One of the traditions at Oscar's apartment is poker night with some of his friends, one of them being a police officer. These nights are "enhanced" by Felix's obsessive cleanliness. At one point, he even washes the cards with disinfectant. This incident, along with Felix's habit of writing notes to Oscar about being out of something, his constant cleaning and rearranging the furniture, and his cooking, really comes to bother Oscar.

One night Oscar brings home the "coo-coo" Pigeon sisters as dates for himself and Felix. Felix begins reminiscing about his wife and children and actually causes the sister to cry. This obviously ends the date. The next day, Oscar goes around the apartment making as big of a mess as possible, just to start a fight with Felix. It is later that day, however, when Oscar finally blows up at Felix and tells him to get out. One of the best lines from this part is: "I can't take it anymore, Felix, I'm cracking up. Everything you do irritates me. And when you're not here, the things I know you're gonna do when you come in irritate me. You leave me little notes on my pillow. Told you 158 times I can't stand little notes on my pillow. 'We're all out of cornflakes. F.U.' Took me three hours to figure out F.U. was Felix Ungar!"

Afterwards, Oscar of course immediately regrets this, and tries to apologize to Felix, but it is too late. Much to Oscar's surprise, Felix actually moves in temporarily with the Pigeon sisters from upstairs. I won't tell you the exact ending because I want people to see it for themselves.

Tickets are being sold for the Broadway version of "The Odd Couple" starring Nathan Lane as Oscar and Matthew Broderick as Felix. Actually, I am very upset about this musical; I see no reason for the movie to be turned into one, and I believe that the musical will ruin the original charm of the movie.

"The Odd Couple" has survived numerous rip-offs, sequels, remakes and even a television show, but I'm not sure if it can withstand the pressure of being on Broadway. However, the musical has already been named the hit of the year. So, we shall just have to wait and see what happens.

Meanwhile, you and your roommate(s) should sit down together and watch this movie. Discuss which one of you is Felix

Emo band Hawthorne Heights

By Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Hawthorne Heights, a five man emo-screamo band from Dayton, Ohio, is yet another up-and-coming band on the Victory Records label. Just off this summer's "Warped Tour" and currently touring on the "Never Sleep Again Tour," Hawthorne Heights is busy promoting its debut album, "The Silence in Black and White," from which they have two singles, "Ohio is for Lovers" and "Niki FM."

Formed in 2001 and originally called A Day in the Life, Hawthorne Heights consists of JT Woodruff (vocals, guitar), Micah Carli (guitar), Casey Calvert (guitar), Matt Ridenour (bass), and Eron Bucciarelli (drums).

After promoting its music online to build a strong fan-base and putting together an intense self-planned tour with other bands, such as From Autumn to Ashes and Coheed and Cambria, Hawthorne Heights signed with Victory Records in late 2003. In only four weeks, the band had recorded their entire album, "The Silence in Black and White," which is an anthem to frustration, personal growth, and evolution.

One of the unique aspects of the band is its triple guitar sound. With three men on guitar, Hawthorne Heights is able to add intricate layering and a full, rich sound, as well as giving the band the opportunity to experiment with different sounds, particularly "post-hardcore" and "screamo," working off the sounds of other bands that are their influences, such as Nirvana and Led Zeppelin.

Hawthorne Heights's music has fresh and original lyrics, even if they are a bit on the dark side: "And I can't make it on my own./ Because my heart is in Ohio./ So cut my wrists and black my eyes./ So I can fall asleep tonight, or die./ Because you kill me/…Spare me just three last words./ I love you is all she heard./ I'll wait for you, but I can't wait forever" from "Ohio is for Lovers."

Also, they have just completed the video for their newest single, "Niki FM," which is now receiving heavy circulation on MTV2, following the success of their first video for "Ohio is for Lovers." Besides the haunting, shiver-inducing lyrics of "Silence in black and white/ falling forward as she walks toward the light" that are sung right before the chorus of "I KNOW/ I'm outside of your window with my radio," the other lyrics of the song are very romantic and utterly emo: "I sleep with one eye open so I can see you breathing/ I follow your chest home/ Until I / I can see you, I can hear you breathe in exhale."

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLIEONTHERADIO.NET
Hawthorne Heights is from Ohio.

Most of Hawthorne Heights's songs are composed of sensitive emo lyrics over a hardcore melody. Other songs, such as "Dissolve and Decay" ("She wore crushed velvet, jet black and to the floor./ She rode on angels' wings that used to shine oh so bright./ Now the dark has caught the spark/ in her eyes and I, I can't find the air.") and "Silver Bullet" ("I'll breathe you in,/ I won't let you down,/ I won't hold you back,/ I won't make a sound./ I know what scares you the most./ Being Alone,/ Just like them,/ Being Alive,/ Feeling so… dead.") show how Hawthorne Heights can so easily meld their screamo-hardcore side as well as their emo side.

Hawthorne Heights is a band that we can be certain will have a bright future. They not only ensure that their music is easily accessible to anyone who wants to listen to it on their website (www.hawthorneheights.com), but they also have re-issued a limited edition version of "The Silence in Black and White" with bonus tracks. Hawthorne Heights is yet another band that adds to Victory Records's strong emo line-up.

Science Editorial: Buffalo introduced to Great Plains will help save the prairie

by Anne Schlesinger '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

This week with the help of the Northern Great Plains Program and the World Wildlife Fund, conservationists will introduce 16 buffalo into 32,000 acres of land purchased or leased from farmers and ranchers as part of a budding wildlife refuge on the northern plains of Montana, reports Becky Bohrer of the Associated Press.

This is one step toward re-establishing what could have been lost forever: an essential part of our ecological and philosophical history, the prairie. While some Great Plains citizens are skeptical of the economic gains they will reap from the rehabilitation of the prairie, I do not believe the issue at hand should be the economy. If so-called conventional agriculture stays the norm, the numerous pesticides and herbicides used, as well as the irrigation of arid land, will continue to contaminate water, impoverish the soil, and endanger the aquifers farmers depend on. Rehabilitating the prairie means rehabilitating the health of the land and preserving important natural resources, such as water, for future generations.

Prairies are unique in that three-quarters of their biomass, or organic matter, resides in their extensive root systems. This means that, unlike the shallow roots of corn, prairie grass is extremely effective at preventing erosion and recycling essential organic matter into the soil. Today, less than half of the northern-mixed grass prairie ecosystem has been left intact, and it also is in danger of falling to the plow. While the 2002 Farm Bill increased the amount of farm-related conservation spending, *High Country News* reports that the Grasslands Reserve Program created under the bill did not receive enough funding to cancel out the government subsidies that encourage "sodbusting," or the tilling of native prairie. With the help of the World Wildlife Fund, the American Prairie Foundation has been buying ranches, as well as grazing and lease rights to public lands, in order to convert these rangelands to prairie rehabilitation reserves.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ESEW.ORG

The Great Plains have been losing population since the 1920s, and the rural population today continues to dwindle. Shrinking populations and an aging farming community provide conservationists with the necessary parcels of land. Citizens worry that the reserve will become a "Buffalo Commons," where prairie and buffalo push humans of the land.

First of all, I would like to address the extreme irony of this situation. Not 150 years ago, humans decimated buffalo populations. Now, the buffalo stand to retake a portion of their ancestral habitat. Second of all, I would like to point out that the current movement depends on ranchers and farmers to sell their land. If they don't want to sell, they don't have to do so. They can effectively hinder the creation of a buffalo commons.

There are, of course, still many issues to consider. Prairies form over hundreds of years, so present conservation efforts will not even realize their potential success in our lifetime. Perhaps more importantly, replanting a prairie is extremely difficult, if not impossible. Native prairies are so incredibly diverse and variant in every acre that recreating such diversity poses a real problem. Not to mention the fact that native seeds are expensive and relatively rare. Moreover, a contained herd of buffalo can be potentially damaging to an ecosystem; buffalo overgraze just as cattle overgraze.

Despite such difficulties, the project is a worthy one. Perhaps it will set an example for future rehabilitation projects. Perhaps it will foster new appreciation for this unique American ecosystem, an appreciation that could then extend to other critical habitats—even ones with 10.5 billion barrels of oil buried underneath.

New hormone linked to appetite discovered

by Laura Trubiano '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Researchers at Stanford University, led by Aaron Hsueh, announced on November 11 that they have discovered a hormone that suppresses appetite in rats. The hormone, named obestatin, counters the urge to eat and competes with the appetite-boosting hormone ghrelin. While research has been done only in rats so far, if it succeeds the discovery of obestatin could lead to a new appetite suppressant and help scientists to understand the ways the body regulates weight.

The same gene codes for production of the two opposing hormones, which was a surprising discovery. "It is an unexpected but very, very intriguing finding," said Matthias Tschop of the University of Cincinnati, who reviewed the work, in a November 11 Livescience.com article. "It seems counterintuitive that Mother Nature would press on the brake and gas pedal at the same time."

Ghrelin, the "hunger hormone," is produced in the stomach and stimulates appetite. Scientists theorize that ghrelin was important in early humans by helping them gain weight when there was a ready supply of food so that they could survive a famine when it occured. However, in today's culture of excess, this mechanism can backfire and contribute to overeating and obesity. Obestatin is a sister hormone to ghrelin, also produced in the gut.

Obestatin was discovered as researchers were looking for types of hormones that could be turned into drugs fairly easily. Hsueh's team searched databases of human and other animal genes and narrowed the search to stretches of genes conserved through millions of years of evolution in far-ranging species, indicating that those sequences were of particular biological importance. An extra protein hanging onto the end of the genetic sequence leading to the production of ghrelin turned out to be obestatin. The same gene is found in at least 11 species of mammals, indicating that its role in controlling food intake is important.

"It was really extraordinary to think the hormone had been sitting there in plain sight," *Science* deputy editor Katrina Kelner said in the Livescience.com article.

The study found that normal-sized rats injected with obestatin cut their food intake in half, leading to a 20% reduction in weight over eight days. The hormone also slowed the emptying of the rats' stomachs and the movement of food through the intestines, which are important steps in reducing hunger and therefore countering ghrelin's effects. The researchers also discovered the receptor where obestatin binds to cells so it can regulate gastrointestinal functions. This discovery gives researchers another potential source of an appetite-suppressing drug: a substance, other than obestatin that can trigger that receptor.

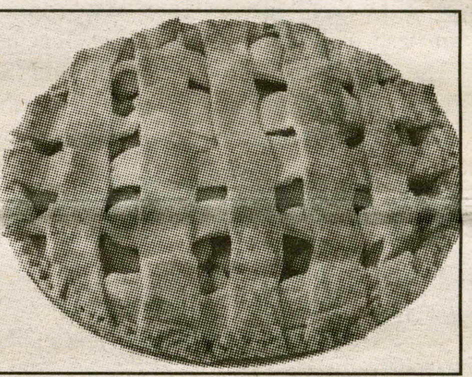


PHOTO COURTESY OF CUTATOURS.COM

The discovery of the appetite-suppressing hormone obestatin may lead to production of a drug to decrease appetite and prevent over-eating

While the rats did not show a very big weight loss, had they lost too much weight they would have gotten sick. The next step in the research is to test whether obestatin suppresses appetite and leads to more weight loss in obese rats. Another crucial question is whether obestatin made the rats eat less not because it suppressed their appetites but because it made them feel ill.

Scientists expected mice lacking the ghrelin gene to be extremely skinny and lack interest in food. Instead, they were nearly normal. Obestatin may explain this observation: although deleting the gene took away the hunger signal, it also took away the fullness signal and had no net effect.

Much more research needs to be done to determine whether obestatin will work as an appetite-suppressing drug in humans. Weight gain and loss are controlled by dozens of hormones working in mechanisms like ghrelin and obestatin, so it is difficult to control it with just one. However, with one-third of American adults obese, every new clue is important.

"Virtual Professors" designed

by Laura Trubiano '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Amy Baylor, a professor of instructional systems at Florida State University's Research of Innovative Technologies for Learning, is working to perfect "virtual professors" to simulate human beings in a controlled manner so that she and her team may investigate how they affect and persuade people. "Up until now, the personal computer's potential to be a valuable teaching and learning tool has been stymied by its 'soulless nature,'" said Baylor in a November 16 Livescience.com article.

Baylor is focusing on friendly facial expressions, soothing hand gestures, and a "coolly intelligent voice" to create virtual professors, called "pedagogical agents," that are lifelike and persuasive. Software will allow the pedagogical agents to adapt to a student's skill level and provide cognitive and emotional feedback.

"Unlike a human mentor, we can control all aspects of a pedagogical agent...to represent the ideal persona for facilitating learning," said Baylor in the Livescience.com article.

A study used non-stereotypical, virtual engineering mentors to challenge young women's stereotypes about the engineering profession. Women tended to pick young, female, attractive, and cool agents when asked to choose the agents that were most like them. However, when asked to choose the agents they would most like to learn from about engineering, they tended to choose male agents who were uncool but attractive. Later in the same semester the test was originally administered, the women reported more positive math- and science-related beliefs compared to their answers during the test.

Baylor says further tests are needed in which the agents are assigned to students rather than selected, reported the LiveScience article.

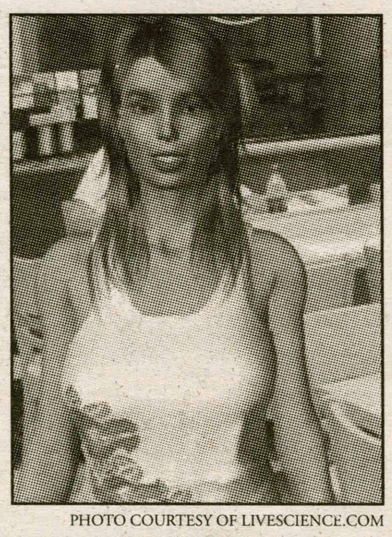


PHOTO COURTESY OF LIVESCIENCE.COM

This virtual agent was seen as a peer by young women, but not like an engineer.

Advertisements

Message from Student Assembly

To The Hamilton Community:

In the upcoming week, you will have the opportunity to vote on proposed amendments to the Student Assembly Constitution. Constitutional amendments can only be passed upon majority vote of the student body upon three-fourths approval of the Central Council. The Central Council has unanimously approved the proposed amendments, and a campus-wide referendum to vote on the changes will begin Sunday, November 20, 2005.

Please be advised that most changes are grammatical and/or organizational in nature. Others serve to update the previously outdated Constitution in order to reflect the current practices of the Student Assembly and address gaps in current procedure. The sections in question address policies regarding the Central Council, student organizations, committees, elections, loss of office, repeal of legislation, dissolution and creation of a branch of government, the Student Assembly advisor, amendments, and the Student Assembly bylaws.

The Student Assembly would greatly appreciate your participation in this important referendum. Please watch your e-mail for updates and remember to vote!

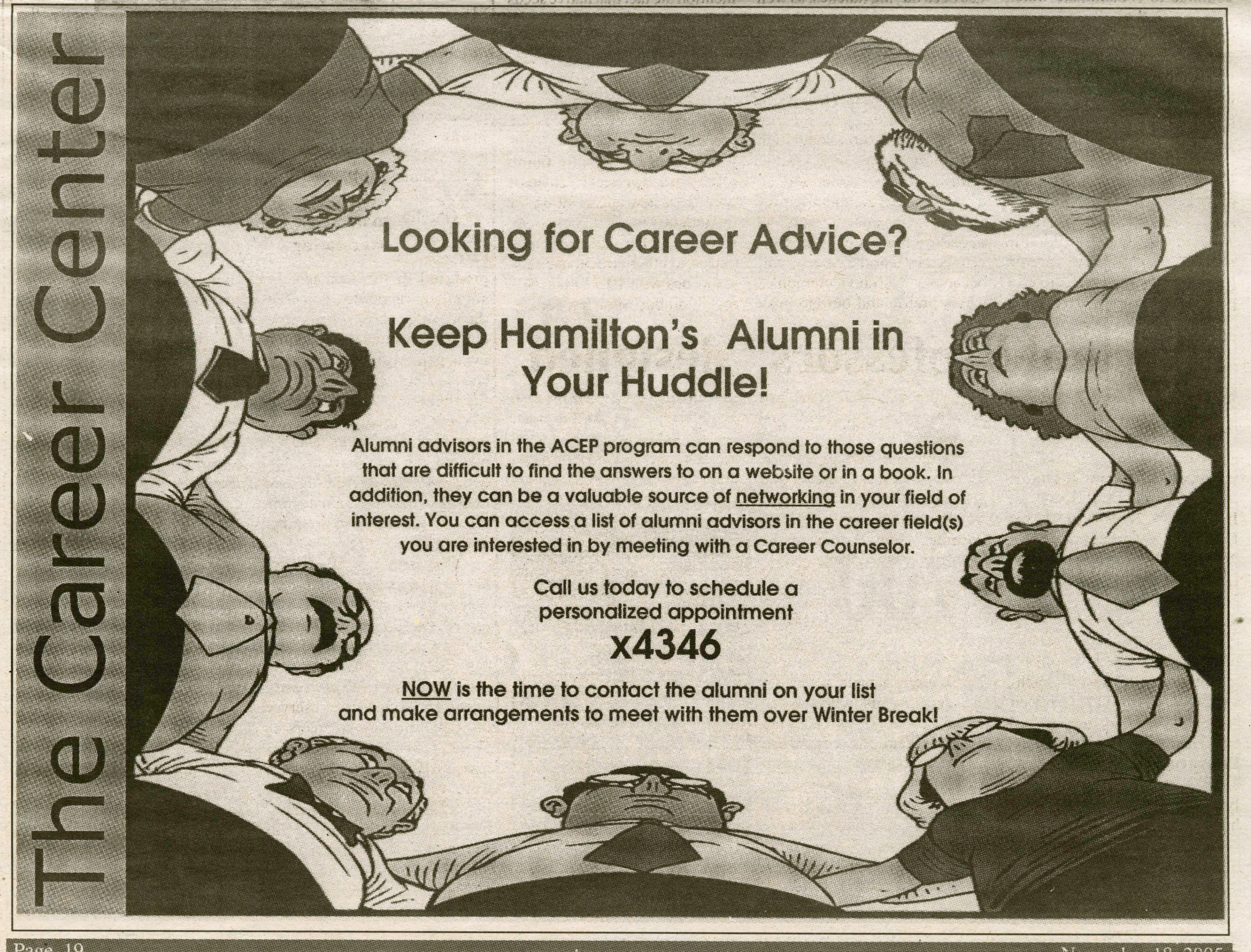
Sincerely,
Lorraine Sperling
Student Assembly Parliamentarian

Finished Ripping Your CDs?

Get CA$H

The Last Unicorn is the areas INDIE leader in New & Used CDs and DVDs

The Last Unicorn
4575 Commercial Drive [Next to Red Lobster]
New Hartford 768-4888



Why choose a graduate school without taking a closer look?

Plan to attend RIT's Graduate Study Open House

Monday, January 9, 2006 (Winter break period for most)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Lunch will be served)

- Learn about our 70+ graduate programs in high-growth, in-demand fields
- Meet program faculty and tour state-of-the-art facilities
- Hear about exciting research projects
- Get information about the admission process and requirements
- Find out where graduates of our programs are working now
- Enjoy a campus tour

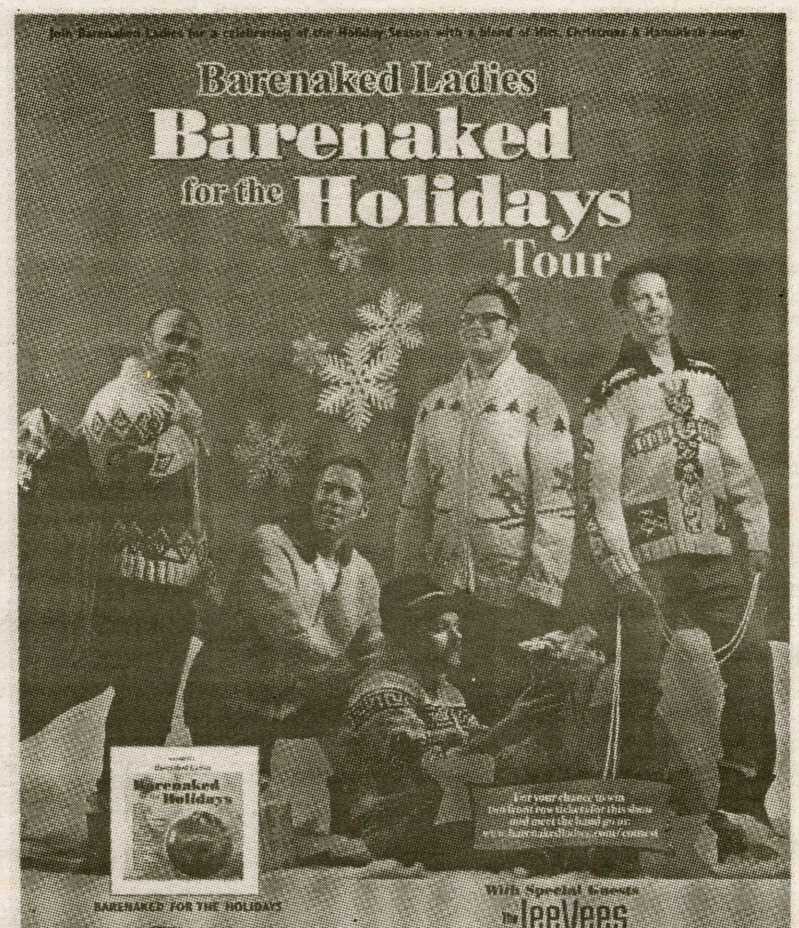
Registration is FREE

On the Web: **www.rit.edu/grad** By e-mail: **gradinfo@rit.edu** Toll-free phone: **(866) 260-3950**

R·I·T

Rochester Institute of Technology

QUALITY PROGRAMS FOR SUCCESSFUL CAREERS



BEST BUY

PERFORMING LIVE AT THE EVENT CENTER | NOV 29 2005 8PM*

*Ask about our Room & Show Package! TICKETS: $25, $45

Turning Stone resort • casino

CALL 1-877-833-SHOW (7469)

AND ALL TICKETMASTER OUTLETS AT 315-472-0700 OR WWW.TICKETMASTER.COM

MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL OR MODIFY EVENTS AT ANY TIME

Exit 33 off the New York State Thruway, Verona, New York 13478
1.800.771.7711 or visit www.turningstone.com

PIZZERIA GRANDES RESTAURANT

of Clinton

853-7700

12 East Park Row
Clinton, NY 13323

~ Catering Available ~

~ We Have A Full Catering Menu For Your Party And Special Events ~
~ We Offer Gift Certificates For Your Convenience ~
~ We Accept Mastercard, Visa and American Express ~
~ We Appreciate Your Business ~

Specials

Small Pizza & 20 Wings — New Larger Size Small! — **12.95**

Large Pizza & 25 Wings — **17.95**

Large Pizza & 50 Wings — **22.75**

Hormel

Specialty Pizzas

Round Tomato Pie	6.75
Garlic Pizza	9.95
Garlic Broccoli Pizza	11.45
Garlic, Hot Peppers, Black Olives & Tomato	14.95
Buffalo Chicken Pizza (Med., Hot & BBQ Sauce)	14.95
Grandes Famous Upside Down Pizza Marinara Sauce Topped With Grated Cheese	10.75

Items
Broccoli, Eggplant, Sausage, Mushrooms, Pepperoni, Peppers, Onions, Meatballs, Spinach, Anchovies, Double Cheese, Black Olives

Pizza

	Small	Large
Cheese	6.50	9.95
1 Item	7.50	11.95
2 Items	8.50	12.95
3 Items	9.50	14.95
4 Items	10.50	15.95

Small = 8 pieces **Large = 16 pieces**

Slices

Garlic Slices	1.16 each + tax
Pizza Slices	1.16 each + tax
Extras	.35c each

Advertisements

In Honor of RA Appreciation Week:

The Office of Residential Life would like to say "THANK YOU" to the RA staff for all the hard work they do! You do amazing work and contribute so much to your campus community.

HAPPY RA APPRECIATION WEEK!!!!!!!!!

Keya Advani
Christine Agudelo
Asima Ahmad
Emily Baer
Nikola Banishki
Caroline Beaudrias
Letty Bedard
Laura Belden
Mikhail Bell
Rachel Bennek
Warren Berkstresser
Benji Borowski
Taylor Burt
Alex Chaconas
Alex Clair
Brandon Clair
Marisa Clemente
Mary Beth Day
Svet Derderyan
Amit Desai
Hilary Gamble
Chris Gardner
Chelsea Halvorson
Greg Hartt
Jason Hecht
Sara Hessasta
Erika Holmes
Meghan Hover
Aliya Jalloh
Chris Joyce
Jon Kuhl
Zhe "Jack" Li
Jinquan Liang
Stu Lu
Yubo Lu
Sarah Maas
Elaine Martinez
Abigail Miller
Shannon Mims
Erin Moberg
Christina Nemeth
Allison Nichols
Phil Odusote
Hiroki Ogawa
Katie Painter
Pragyan Pradhan
Sarah Prusasky
Eric Reile
Pat Ridall
Janine Rowe
Lindsay Rubenstein
Michelle Skornicki
Chip Smith
Katie Stones
Arezoo Taef
Tiffany Titus
Phil Valenti
Becca Wagner
Josh Wasserman
Ashley Westbrook

THE ARBOR INN
At
Griffin House

Experience one of Clinton's finest Bed and Breakfasts.

Accommodations include three guestrooms and two suites; all with private baths, T.V. and complimentary internet access.

Directions: Drive up College Hill Rd. through campus past the student crosswalk. Turn right on Griffin Rd. We are ½ mile down on the left.

3919 Griffin Road
859-1790
1-888-424-3074

Have What It Takes For Our Weekly Layout?

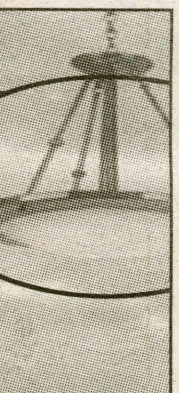
Email Spec For More Details!

If you are interested in a yearly subscription to *The Spectator*, send a check for $50 made out to the Trustees of Hamilton College to:

The Spectator
c/o Office Manager
Hamilton College
198 College Hill Road
Clinton, NY 13323

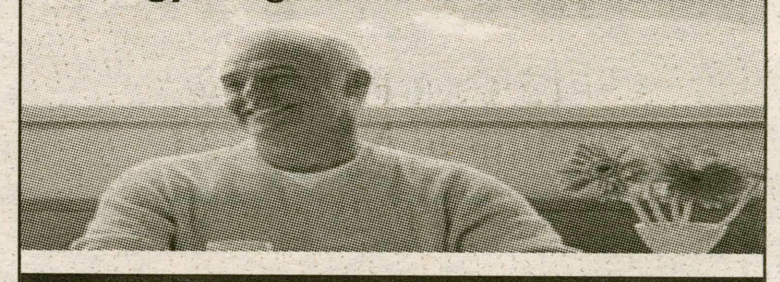
Please include your mailing address

brighter future



It's simple. Replace 5 lights with ones that have earned the ENERGY STAR® to reduce your home energy use.

To learn more, go to **energystar.gov.**



YOUR HOME CAN CAUSE TWICE AS MANY GREENHOUSE GASES AS A CAR.

ENERGY STAR® is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

ENERGY STAR

Squash teams will build on last year's success

by Eileen Starrett '07
SPORTS WRITER

With two strong seasons under its belt, the women's squash team looks to build upon past success. Hamilton has won 10 of its last 12 matches, including two at the College Squash Association team championships. It was at these championships that the Continentals eventually finished 21st. The Continentals also won the Walker Cup consolation final.

This year's team has both experience and new faces. The team has two seniors: Sarah Rienhoff and Callen Sterling. The junior class is represented by Casey Cook, Emily Gambir, Monica Schwerin, Allison Sears and Lindsay Walsh. The sophomore class consists of: Betsy McDermott, Katherine Minton and Natalie Schwerin. The newcomers include: Bailey Harris, Ashley Pardoe and Madeleine Sullivan.

The team's returnees have experience on their side. Cook earned a Liberty League honorable mention for the '03-'04 season and was placed on the All-League team for '04-'05. Natalie Schwerin also had a successful first season. She was also named to the Liberty League All-League team for her performance. She was also a four-time Liberty League Rookie of the Week. Her final record was 13-8.

Walsh was Hamilton's wins leader with 17 wins and four losses to her credit. She was also named performer of the week on Dec. 6 of last season. McDermott was the only member of Hamilton's team to play in the College Squash Association's Individual Championships held at Dartmouth College last season. She lost both of her matches but played exceedingly well in her first individual championships.

Men led by seniors

The men's squash team also had a successful 2004-2005 season. Led by fifth-year head coach Jamie King, the team ended up with an overall record of 11-9 and finished in 20th place at the College Squash Association team championships. The Continentals played just one home match last season, which they won. Hamilton also finished second in the Liberty League Championships with a 3-1 record.

The men's team welcomes seasoned returnees and looks forward to seeing the potential their first-years bring to the table. The senior class is represented by: Peter Bartholomaus, Andrew Brooks, Captain Chad Carta, Captain Rick Mayfield and Chris Parkinson. The junior class consists of: Anthony Bardaro, Dave Boucher, Ben Bradford, John Frazier and J.P. Maloney. The sophomore class is represented by only Andrew Small. The new first-years are: John DeWitt, Sander Doucette and Rick Munschauer.

The returnees come back to the team with a great deal of experience. Bardaro was a Liberty League All-League selection for both of the past two seasons. He also represented Hamilton at the past two College Squash Association Individual Championships. Frazier and Carta also had key wins versus Denison at last season's College Squash Association Championships.

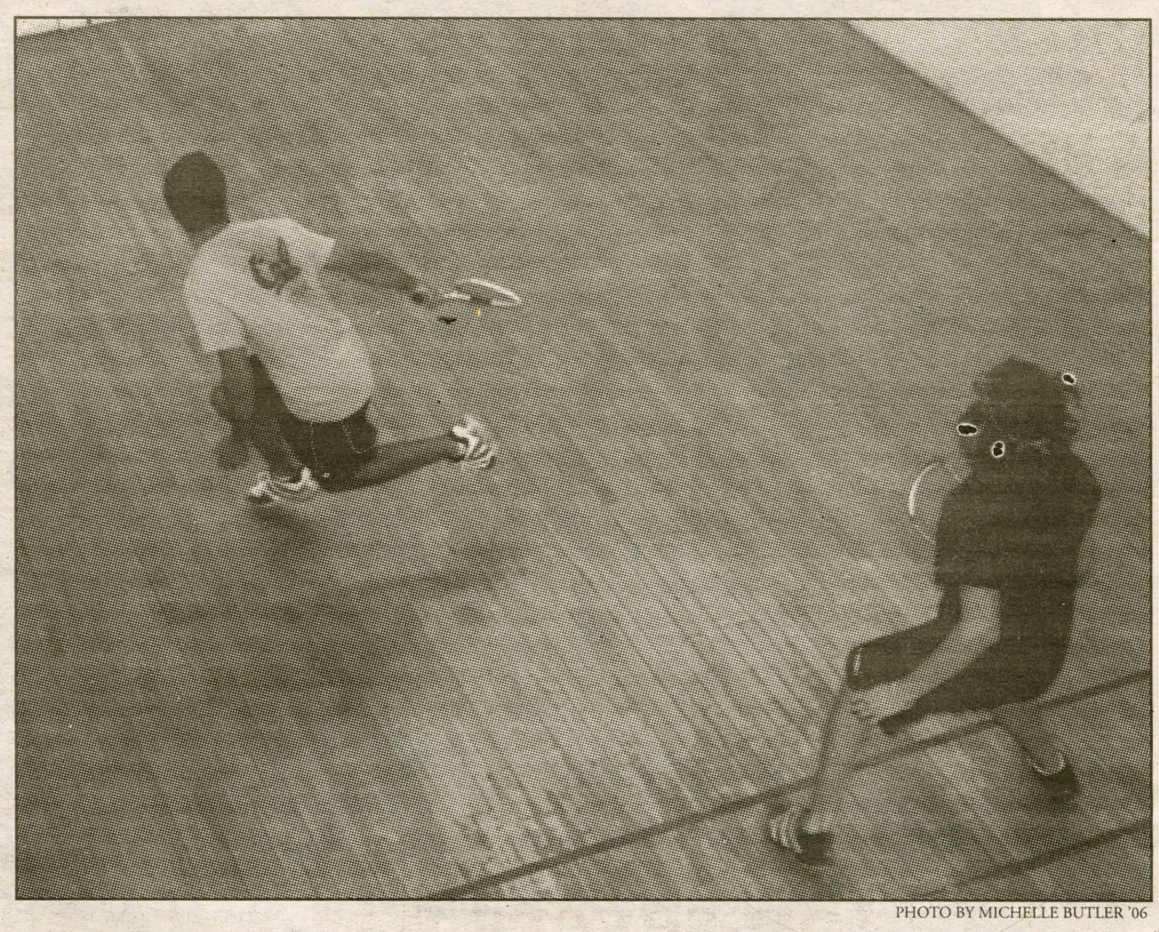


PHOTO BY MICHELLE BUTLER '06

"The team is led by a core group of seniors. This is by far our major strength," said Carta. "We have a deep team and will be tough to beat lower down the ladder. The team's strength has always been in winning matches toward the bottom of the order. In addition to the senior leaders on the team, we have three exciting new freshman that will make a major contribution. We expect great things from them as they mature.

Carta added that the team is optimistic about their potential this season. "The last few years the team has been disappointed with our results. This year we seem to be on the right track to succeed come the end of the season," he said. "The strong senior core combined with an energetic freshman class could prove to be the difference for us."

Parkinson added, "I think the team desires to win our division this year, which would make us 17th in the country. We were close last year and with new talent, this could be our year."

Stanford, Denison, Bowdoin, and George Washington will be the Continentals's greatest challenges this season.

Parkinson expects their experience will be the determining factor in each of these competitions.

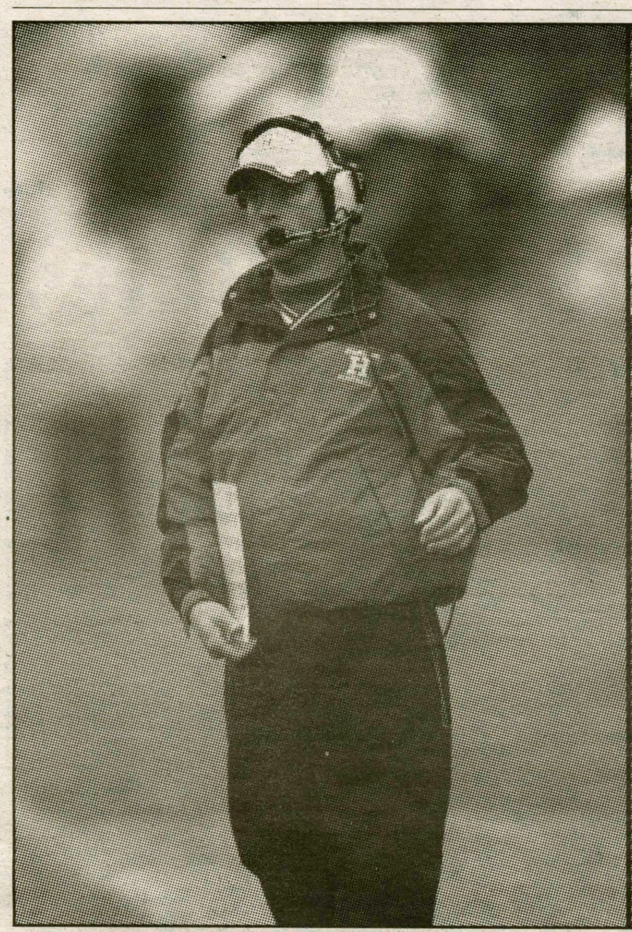
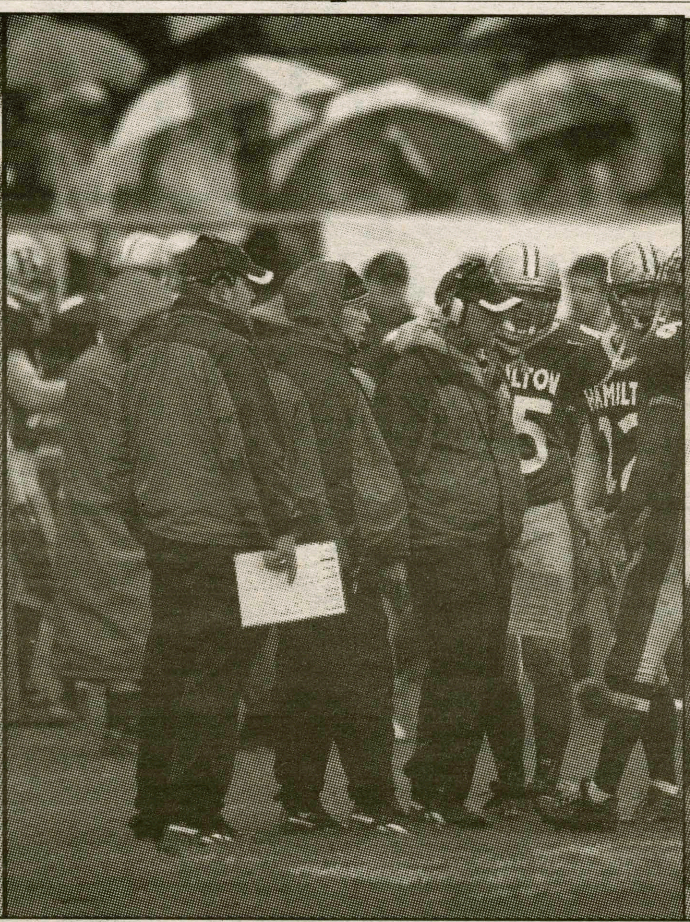
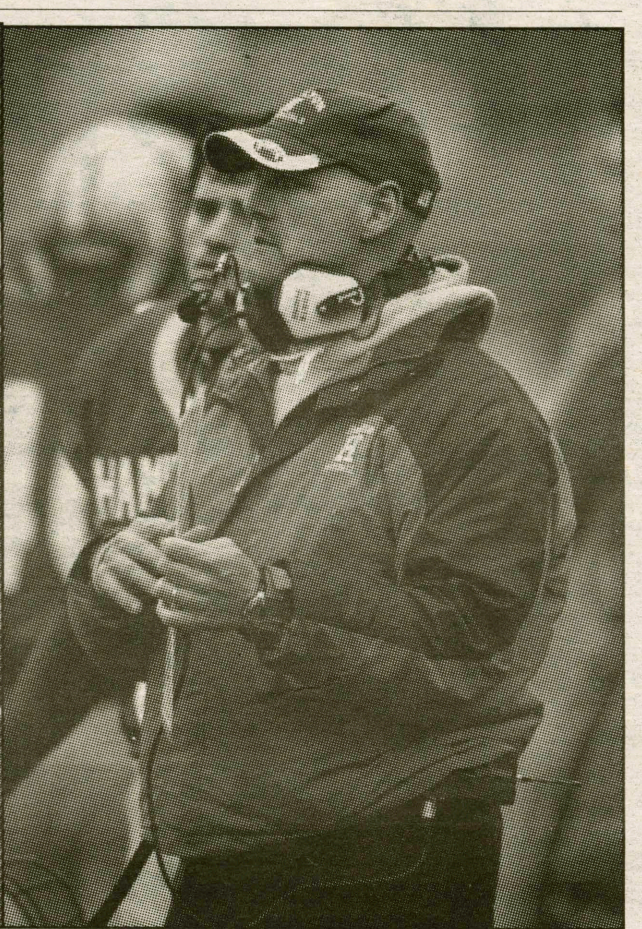
"Our strength is certainly our talent. Most of the top guys have competed at high levels for numerous years. We are certainly not afraid to tackle some of the best teams the country has to offer. Our weakness is physical condition. But with time, I am sure Coach King will take care of that problem."

The men's and women's teams will compete in the Liberty League Championships at St. Lawrence this weekend.

Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college athletics. Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

	Katie Stinchfield *Spectator* Sports Editor	Nick Rockwell *Spectator* Sports Editor	Katie Childs *Spectator* News Editor	Ian Mandel *Spectator* Editor-in-Chief	Austin Finan Sophomore Sports Writer
Season Record:	**45-45**	**43-47**	**52-38**	**54-36**	
NFL					
Tampa Bay @ Atlanta	Atlanta	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Atlanta
Carolina @ Chicago	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Chicago
Philadelphia @ NY Giants	Philadelphia	Giants	Giants	Giants	Philadelphia
Minnesota @ Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Minnesota
College Football					
#8 Alabama @ #11 Auburn	Alabama	Auburn	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
#9 Ohio State @ #17 Michigan	Ohio State	Michigan	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Oklahoma @ #21 Texas Tech	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
NHL					
New Jersey @ Ottawa, 11/19	New Jersey	Ottawa	New Jersey	Ottawa	Ottawa
Buffalo @ Boston, 11/19	Boston	Boston	Boston	Buffalo	Buffalo
NBA					
Cleveland @ Philadelphia, 11/19	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Detroit @ Dallas, 11/19	Detroit	Dallas	Dallas	Detroit	Detroit

PHOTOS BY JOHN HUBBARD

Coaches John Keady (left) and Pete Alvanos (far right) had been at Hamilton for five years. Keady was also the College's head baseball coach.

Hamilton severs ties with top football coaches

*from **Football**, page 1*

"The team mood is what you'd expect out of any team: shocked and responsible for the decision," said Ray DeMartino '07.

Many players expressed dismay, but said they were not shocked by the news. According to DeMartino, rumors began circulating early in the season that Alvanos and other staff members would not be back if the team did not have a good year. "There was no talk of anything but winning in the beginning of the season. But after we lost a few games in a row, rumors started going around that it was going to be Coach A.'s last year."

Steve Simone '07 added, "Before the last game, there were a lot of rumors that he wouldn't be back next year. He had a meeting with us and told us not to worry about it, and that if he wasn't here next year it wouldn't be because he didn't want to be."

DeMartino said he felt personally responsible for the change in coaching staff. "We were the ones playing every Saturday and either earning a win or loss. I feel bad because it was their job and the coaching staff put a lot of their time and effort everyday trying to turn the program around."

While many players said they were sad to see both Alvanos and Keady go, the two coaches left a lasting mark on the program. Since 2001, the two coaches' first year on the staff, the size of the team has doubled.

"Now we have a roster of about 70 kids, the alumni are involved in the program once again and we have a solid base for the next coach to build on. None of that would have been possible without either of those guys," said Frank Harrington '07.

Both Alvanos and Keady had a personal impact on many individual players. Harrington said it would be difficult for the Athletic Department to find a staff that could fill their shoes. "I don't think it will be possible to find a guy who cared as much about the kids as Coach A. did because he was there for us whenever we needed him," he said. "He was constantly putting his name on the line to help out his players."

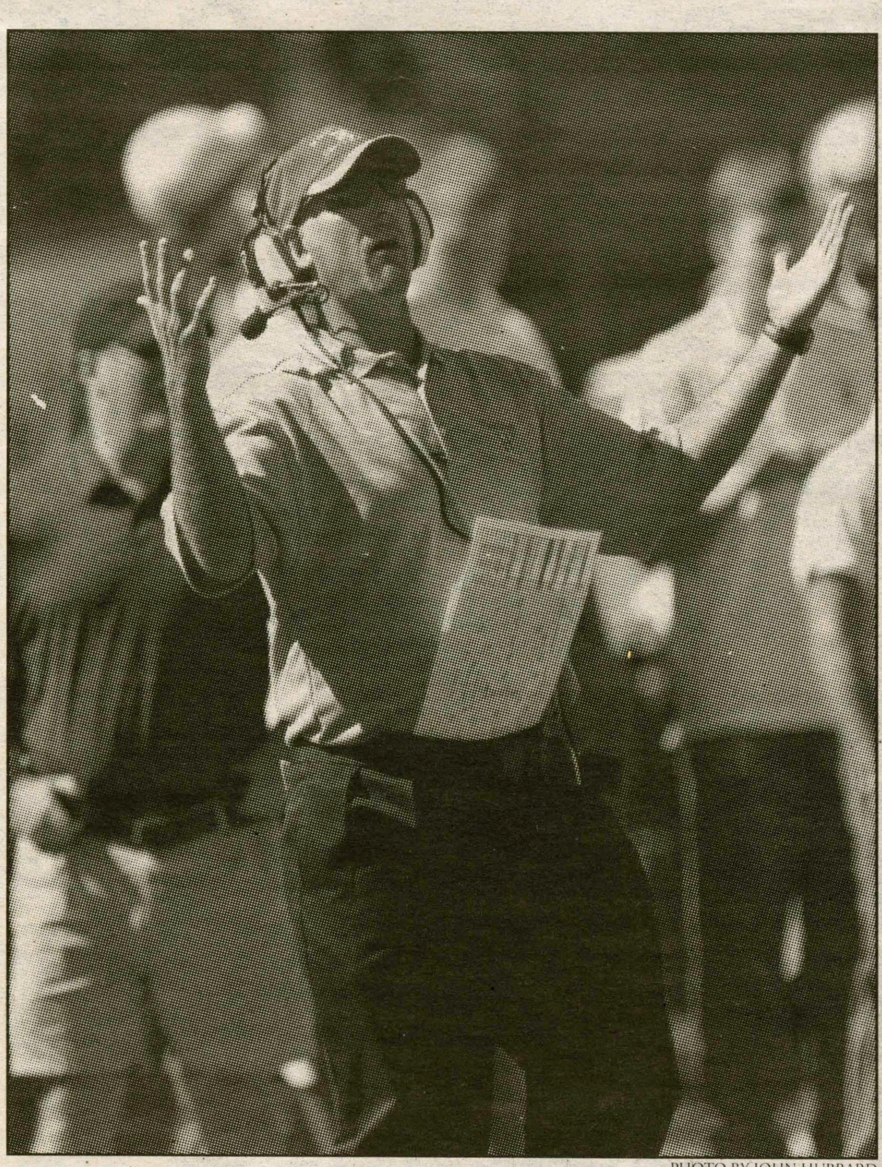


PHOTO BY JOHN HUBBARD

"Coach Keady and Coach Alvanos were my college coaches," echoed DeMartino. "More importantly, they were the two that basically got me through the Admissions Office to be academically eligible to attend Hamilton College. They put their jobs on the line to make sure we succeed when we get to school, academically and athletically."

While players will miss both Alvanos and Keady's presence on the field, they are optimistic for the program's future. "No one wanted to see them go because they were well-liked by everyone, but maybe this change is what we need to improve the program," said Harrington.

"Everyone is optimistic that we have enough talent to go into next season and win games," said Simone. "Until then it is important that the team sticks together during the off-season and maintains a high level of physical prowess in order to be competitive next year."

> **"They [Keady and Alvanos] were the two that basically got me through the Admissions Office to be academically eligible to attend Hamilton College. They put their jobs on the line to make sure we succeed when we get to school, academically and athletically."**
>
> *-Ray DeMartino '07*

According to Thompson, a search for a new head coach is already underway. An advertisement was placed Tuesday, and already many candidates have expressed interest. In the interim period, Corey Wenger, the offensive coordinator, will help guide the recruiting process until the end of the school year, when his contract expires.

The changes in the football staff will also affect the baseball team, as Keady served as the head coach. He will not be coaching baseball in the spring. A search for a head baseball coach is currently underway.

A number of baseball players were shocked by the news, particularly because as of this printing they were not formally notified of the decision. "I am very disappointed in the way things are being handled right now regarding our team," said Jim Nolan '07. "The only reason people know about the situation is through word of mouth."

Pat McGarry '07 added, "You'd think the Athletic Department would at least let Coach Keady stay around for baseball season. Not only is football at a loss for recruiting, but now baseball too?"

According to Thompson, Keady was hired primarily as a football coach, and his baseball commitment was secondary. Nolan added, "Coach Keady would admit that he did not know much about the game of baseball, but the position was sort of handed to him from the administration because they wanted to hire someone who already worked for the school. But he did the best he could and the program is in a lot better shape now."

Nolan said many baseball players are frustrated with the Athletic Department's decision given the proximity of baseball's season. "I do not understand how a school can fire a coach three months before a season with no plans of another coach," he said. "We have a two week trip to Florida planned for spring break and now we are unsure how things are going to be handled. We are being affected a lot more than anyone because our season begins in only three months."

When reached by telephone Thursday night, Keady declined to comment on the situation. Alvanos could not be reached as of press time.

A Hamilton College Student Publication, Clinton, NY
Volume XXXXVI Number 11

Spectator Sports

November 18, 2005

Football finishes season with loss to Bates

by Austin Finan '08
SPORTS WRITER

PHOTO BY MICHELLE BUTLER '06

Although the Hamilton College football team showed more promise than they did a year ago, they did not live up to the expectations set for them in their 2005 campaign. The Continentals's disappointing season was put to a close this past Saturday as Hamilton fell to Bates College, 34-20 here on the Hill. The Continentals matched last year's record of 1-7 with the loss against the Bobcats from Maine.

The effort was certainly there in the Continentals's final battle of the season, but their work failed to produce any new results. Sophomore quarterback Dan Hood contributed with 288 yards of total offense in the losing effort. Hood was solid for the most part, completing 23 of his 44 pass attempts for a total of 212 yards. Hood also led the team in rushing, accounting for 76 yards on the ground. However, he also was responsible for three costly interceptions and a fumble.

Wide receiver Joe Rinaldo '08 capped off his stellar sophomore season with nine catches for a total of 71 yards. The numbers don't reflect how difficult many of those yards were. Often times Rinaldo would catch screen passes in the backfield and have to make defenders miss. He ended the season as the Continentals's leading receiver with 45 catches, which also placed Rinaldo second in the NESCAC.

Senior co-captain Brandon Holtslag hauled in three passes and a touchdown in his final game as a Continental. Jim Chapman '09, Tom Tidgwell '08, Bill Kearney '08, and Frasher Kempe '08 all had catches in the game for Hamilton.

Hamilton defensive back Matt Pitarresi '08 put on a defensive clinic for the Buff and Blue faithful. Pitarresi has a nose for the ball and against the Bobcats he made a game-high 14 tackles and broke up a deep pass.

Ray DeMartino '07, Tom Monnfiletto '08, and Ian Chambers '07 contributed for a total of 26 tackles and two deflected passes. Co-captain Jay Rishel '06 and John Rosato '07 each had seven tackles in the game and junior Jesse Koch picked his fifth career interception and his third on the season.

For his efforts this year, Pitarresi was elected by the league's coaches to the all-NESCAC defense second-team. He is the only Hamilton player on any all-league team. The sophomore led the team in tackles for the second consecutive year and now has 160 for his career. Pitarresi also picked off two passes this year and broke up seven others.

The Continentals's loss to Bates was a bitter defeat and an unfortunate way to end a difficult season. Hamilton still leads the all-time series 16-12, but have fallen in their last two bouts against the Bobcats.

Hamilton finished ahead of only Wesleyan in the NESCAC this season, but they look to rebound next year, despite graduating their talented trio of captains, Holtslag, Rishel, and Jeremy Kozak '06.

The Continentals can also expect to see a change of face amongst coaching personnel in 2006 (*see front page*). Next year the team will only be losing three starters, so there is considerable reason for optimism.

This Weekend's Home Games

Friday:

Men's hockey vs. Trinity	7 p.m.
Men's basketball (tip-off tourney) vs. Medaille	8 p.m.

Saturday:

Men's & Women's swimming & diving	noon
Men's hockey vs. Wesleyan	3 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. TBD	2 p.m. or 4 p.m.

Swimming working hard

PHOTO BY AMY CONROY '06

The Hamilton College men's and women's swimming and diving teams will begin their respective seasons with a home meet this Saturday. The Continentals's opponents will be Ithaca, Hartwick, and SUNY Geneseo.

The men's team will look to keep its momentum going and continue the phenomenal success of the program. The team sports a three-time all-American in senior diver Mike Salmon. Amongst many other awards, Salmon finished second in the NCAA tournament last year in the 1-meter dive event.

The women have some exceptional talent as well. The team will be paced by the performances of swimmer Suzie Wilson '06 and diver Emily Clinkhammer '06, as well as junior Sam Pitter. Look for both squads to push for another Liberty League title and a strong showing in the NCAA tournament.